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Marriages.

SMITH—ROBERTSON.—March 6, at St. John's Church, Albany, by the Rev. Howell Griffith, Allison, eldest son of the late David Smith, of Islington Pens, Kingston, Jamaica, to Crissie, younger daughter of the late John Robertson, of Struan, Tasmania.

Golden Wedding.

VENTEMAN—OLIVER.—March 15, 1848, at Bedford, England, Francis Venteman, to Jane Oliver. Bedfordshire papers please copy.

Deaths.

BAAR.—March 16, at Marathon, Queen-street, Woollahra, Moritz Baar, in his 78th year, beloved husband of Hilda Baar, and father of Mrs. Fred. Aronson, of this city.

BROCK.—January 29, at Upper Wimpole-street, London, Charles Brock, late of Calcutta, India, and Canterbury, Kent, England.

BRUSH.—March 16, at his mother's residence, Yarrawa, Womble-street, Summer Hill, Rev. F. Brush, second son of the late John Brush, aged 25 years. Interment takes place at Waverley Cemetery this (Thursday) afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

CORCORAN.—March 16, 1898, suddenly, Elizabeth Corcoran, of 175 Victoria-street North, Darlinghurst, late of Royal Hotel, Croydon.

GUBBINS.—March 15, at 69 George-street West, Sydney, the infant son of T. and E. Gubbins, aged 8 months.

HURLEY.—March 11, at his residence, The Retreat, Campbelltown, Patrick Byrne Hurley, aged 53. R.I.P.

MENSER.—March 13, Sunday, at Bowral, accidentally drowned whilst bathing, Edgar Morris, youngest beloved son of Michael and Phœbe Menser, of 26 Leinster-street, Paddington, aged 18 years and 6 months.

RUTHERFORD.—March 8, 1898, at her late residence, 271 Bridge-road, Forest Lodge, Anne, relict of the late George Rutherford, and daughter of the late Christopher Farrow, county Wicklow, Ireland, beloved sister of Mrs. James Cupitt, Mittagong, N.S.W., aged 67 years. Requiescat in pace. Home papers please copy.

In Memoriam.

BLAKEY.—In sad and loving memory of my dear husband and our dearly beloved father, William Blakey, cab proprietor, who died 17th of March, 1897, at his late residence, 130 Nelson-street, Annandale. Inserted by his loving wife and children. Dead, but not forgotten.

FROST.—In loving memory of Joseph Frost, who died at Gunnabong on March 17, 1895, aged 87, beloved husband of Eliza Frost. Inserted by his loving daughter, E. Webster, and grandchildren, Lily, Lizzie, and Florrie. Rest in peace.

GOLDSMITH.—In memory of Leopold Samuel Goldsmith, who departed this life March 17, 1891.

HICKS.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Lucy Hicks, who departed this life at Prospect on March 17, 1897, in her 80th year. Inserted by her loving children.

Dearest mother, thou hast left us,
Never shall thy memory fade,
Sweetest thoughts shall ever linger
Round the grave where thou art laid.

JULIAN.—In loving memory of my dear father, Joseph Julian, who died March 17, 1897. H. M. Webster.

WRIGHT.—In fond and loving memory of Laura Augusta Wright, who departed this life suddenly at Tarrang March 17, 1896; daughter of Mrs. Vial, 62 Fitzroy-street, Surry Hills. Inserted by her loving mother, brother, and sister.

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*Arcadia	6000	A. C. Loggin	Apl. 20	Apl. 26	Apl. 28
Rome	5545	J. Cowie	May 7	May 10	May 12
Himalaya	6898	W. L. Broun	May 21	May 24	May 26
Britannia	6525	T. S. Angus	June 4	June 7	June 9
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*ORMUZ	6387	H. K. Inskip	—	Mar. 29	Mar. 31
*AUSTRAL	5524	J. F. Anderson	Mar. 30	April 5	April 7
*OPHIR	6910	J. F. Ruthven	Apl. 13	Apl. 19	Apl. 21
*OROTAVA	5857	J. Linklater	Apl. 27	May 3	May 5
ORIZABA	6297	A. W. Clarke, R.N.R.	May 14	May 17	May 19
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BUNDABERG	Wodonga, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Mar. 22
GLADSTONE	Wodonga, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Mar. 22
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FIRE BRIGADES ACT, 1884.
ELECTION of a MEMBER for the Fire Brigades Board by the Councils of Municipalities enumerated under Schedule A.
The Following are the Nominations:—
SHUTE, RICHARD, nominated by the Mayors of Glebe and Burwood.
TAYLOR, WILLIAM, Nominated by the Mayor of Rockdale.

The Polling will take place at the Town Hall, city, and the Town Hall, Granville, on TUESDAY, the 22nd March, instant, commencing at 8 a.m. and closing at 4 p.m. the same day. The Poll will be DECLARED as soon as possible after the close of the Poll.
WILLIAM SOLOMONS,
Returning Officer.
Sydney, 17th March, 1898. (1q-5)

AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY.
LOST POLICY.
It is the intention of the Society on or after the 18th day of April next to issue a SPECIAL POLICY in place of Policy No. 26,494, on the life of NARCISSE MULLER, which is alleged to have been lost.
Dated at Sydney this 16th day of March, 1898.
ROBERT B. CAMERON,
Secretary.

THE YUKON (KLONDYKE) GOLDFIELDS EXPLORING AND TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SHARE LIST of the above Company will CLOSE on SATURDAY Next, the 19th instant, for Town applications, and on MONDAY, 21st instant, for the Country.
By order.
W. H. NASH, Secretary.
March 15th, 1898.
247 George-street.

NOTICE.
The PARTNERSHIP hereinbefore existing between the undersigned, trading as MEDD and BRENNAN, has been DISSOLVED by mutual consent.

All Debts due to or by the said Firm will be received and paid by the undersigned, WILLIAM MEDD, who will carry on the business at Ashfield.
Dated this sixteenth day of March, 1898.
WILLIAM MEDD
WILLIAM JOHN BRENNAN.

NEW YORK AND BROOKLYN TOBACCO COMPANY, Limited.
NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with the Companies Act (37 Victoria No. 19) the First General MEETING of Shareholders will be held on FRIDAY, MARCH 25th, 1898, at 3 p.m., at the office of Mr. Thomas Davis, Gladstone-chambers, 90 Pitt-street, Sydney.
By order of the Board.
JOHN LANG SALIER,
Secretary.

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I WILL NOT be responsible for any DEBTS contracted by my WIFE, MARTH KOLB.
FRANK KOLB,
March 15, 1898. Lloyd Hotel.

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Department of Mines and Agriculture,
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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) W. H. J. SLEE,
Chief Inspector of Mines.

ARTHUR GRIFFITH, Esq.,
41 Castlereagh-street,
City.

(COPY.)

Bucca Creek,
January 27th, 1898.

Mr. WALTER GEORGE COLLINS,
Coramba.

Dear Sir,—
I have very much pleasure in testifying to the very excellent results I have obtained from your improved Gold-Prospecting Dish which recently came into my hands. I have given it a thorough test, and am pleased to say with the most satisfactory results. The following test was made, viz.:—

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Yours faithfully,
(Signed)
WM. CRABB, J.P.,
Manager Beacon Gold Mine,
Bucca Creek, N.S.W.

(COPY.)

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Legal Notices.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE.—In the Supreme Court of New South Wales (In Bankruptcy).—No. 12,012 of 1897.—Re DAVID HANNA, of Moulamein, in the colony of New South Wales, Hotelkeeper, ex parte the Bankrupt.—To the Official Assignee and Creditors: TAKE NOTICE that DAVID HANNA intends to apply to his Honor the Judge in Bankruptcy, at the Court, Chancery-square, Sydney, on TUESDAY, the fifth day of April, at 11 a.m., or as soon afterwards as the course of business will admit, that a Certificate of Discharge be granted to me, under and according to the provisions of the Act 51 Victoria, No. 19. Dated this 15th day of March, 1898.
NORTON, ALEXANDER, and WINDEYER,
Solicitors for Bankrupt,
Deniliquin.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will and Codicil of JOHN FORSTER, late of Stanmore, near Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, Iron Bedstead and Wire Mattress Manufacturer, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Accounts and Plan of Distribution in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the 26th day of April next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise, if the said accounts be not objected to, the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. And Notice is also hereby given that on allowance of the said accounts by the Court commission will be applied for on behalf of JAMES CLARGO MILLS, one of the said Executors. Dated this sixteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight. R. C. MONDAY (L.S.), Deputy Registrar.
WILLIAM SYMONS GRAY, Proctor for the Executors, Mercantile Mutual-chambers, 118 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of JOHN M'BAIN GRANT, late of Broken Hill, Fitter, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to CHARLOTTE JANE GRANT, the Widow of the said deceased. ANTHONY HALL, Proctor, Broken Hill. By his Agent, A. WEAVER, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of CARL HEINRICH FRIEDRICH HOFFRICHTER, late of Broken Hill, Hotelkeeper, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to LOUIS CARL HOFFRICHTER and GUSTAVE NEINDORF, the Executors named in the said Will. ANTHONY HALL, Proctor, Broken Hill. By his Agent, A. WEAVER, Sydney.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of PERCY HENDERSON DUN, late of Rooty Hill, in the colony of New South Wales, Retired Captain, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to CATHERINE ELIZA JEAN DUN, the sole Executrix named in the said Will. C. S. CAPE, Proctor for the said Executrix, 99A Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.
In the Estate of GEORGE HARTWELL, late of Balranald, in the colony of New South Wales, Bailiff, deceased, intestate.

Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to HERBERT HARTWELL, of Yanga, near Balranald, Station Hand, the eldest Son of the said deceased.
HERBERT HARTWELL.

Religious Announcements.

SYDNEY WOMEN'S PRAYER UNION MEETS Every THURSDAY AFTERNOON, at 3, in the Baptist Schoolroom, Bathurst-street, instead of Temperance Hall. All Christian women invited. E. J. Ward, hon. sec.

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Meetings.

NEW SOUTH WALES CHAMBER OF MINES.
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A Special MEETING of Members of the N.S.W. Chamber of Mines will be held at the Office, Equitable-building, THIS (Thursday) EVENING, at 8 o'clock.
Business: General Discussion.
J. S. LOW,
Hon. Sec.

ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES.
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The GENERAL MEETING of the above will be held at the Society's Rooms, Union-chambers, 70 Pitt-street, THIS (Thursday) EVENING, at 8 o'clock.
Business:
1. Ballot for New Member.
2. Paper by Mr. Norman Selfe, M. Inst. C.E., on "Boiler Settings for Refrigerating and other Houses."
JAMES S. FITZMAURICE, Secretary.

TRANSIT COMMISSION ELECTION.
A MEETING of all Licensees, Friends, and Supporters of Alderman R. ADAMS will be held in Temperance Hall, Pitt-street, FRIDAY NIGHT, 18th instant, 8.30 o'clock.
E. FITZPATRICK, Hon. Sec.

THE CIVIL AMBULANCE and TRANSPORT BRIGADE of N.S.W.—The Annual Business MEETING of the Subscribers will be held at the Christ Church School Hall, in Pitt-street South (by permission of Rev. Gerard Trower), on THURSDAY EVENING, March 24th Next, at 8 o'clock. Business: To Receive the Annual Report and Hon. Treasurer's Balance-sheet. To Elect Office-bearers for the ensuing year, including six members of the general committee in place of those retiring. And to transact other business of which due notice has been given.
JAMES SCOTT,
Honorary Secretary.

EARLY CLOSING OF SHOPS.—Monster Public MEETING, Unity Hall, corner Darling-st., Balmain, TO-NIGHT, 8. Chairman, Alderman Williams. Speakers: Messrs. W. H. Wilks and S. J. Law, Ms.L.A., and others.

NEWTOWN LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.—An Inter-club DEBATE on "Woman Suffrage" will be held in the Town Hall, Newtown, on FRIDAY, 18th, between the St. Vincent De Paul Society of Redfern and the Newtown Society. Visitors are cordially invited.

PITT-ST. Literary and Social Union Meets To-night. Subject: "Emerson's Self Reliance," Miss Webber.

LOCAL and State Option.—Monday, 21, at 8, Prot. Hall. Speakers, Revs. F. B. Boyce, P. J. Stephen and others.

L.O.L., No. 3 Derry.—MEETING TO-NIGHT, St. Paul's Schoolroom, at 8. J. Hannah, sec.

THE ELSMORE VALLEY TIN-MINING COMPANY, No Liability.

EXTRAORDINARY SPECIAL MEETING.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary Special MEETING of The Elsmore Valley Tin-mining Company, No Liability, will be holden on the sixth day of APRIL, 1898, at the Registered Office of the Company, Otho-street, Inverell, at the hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of dealing with the following Special Resolutions to be submitted to such Meeting. Should the said Resolutions, or any of them, be passed they will be submitted to another Meeting for confirmation in terms of the No Liability Companies Act, 44 Vic., No. 23, and 60 Vic., No. 15, and the rules of the said Company.

Resolutions.

First—That the Directors of the said The Elsmore Valley Tin-mining Company, No Liability, be and are hereby authorised to sell and dispose of the mineral leases, or any of them, of the said Company, viz., mineral leases Nos. 7625, 7626, 7708, and 8231, M.Ls. 210 and 211, 1 and 2, parish of Elsmore, and county of Gough, and all other mineral leases of the said Company, and all the machinery and plant, or any part thereof, the property of the said Company, including all wash-dirt, tin ore, and other real and personal property, undertaking, and rights of the said Company of whatsoever nature, for such sum and upon such terms, cash, shares, or otherwise, and conditions, and in such manner in every respect as to the said Directors shall deem fit.

Second—That the Directors are further empowered to convey, transfer, assign, and otherwise assure the said property when sold as aforesaid to the purchaser or purchasers thereof in such manner and form as to them may appear just and reasonable.

By order of the Board.
ARTHUR BLOORE,
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MONDAY, 21st MARCH.
ADDED MONEY—First Day, 2300 sovs.
ADDED MONEY—Second Day, 2300 sovs.
ADDED MONEY—Third Day, 1800 sovs.
ADDED MONEY—Fourth Day, 1700 sovs.
9100 SOVS. ADDED MONEY.
☞ The GENERAL ENTRIES for the above Meeting are to be made with the Secretary of the C.J.C., Christchurch, or A.R.C., Auckland, N.Z., before 12 noon, or the, Secretary V.R.C., S.A.J.C., Q.T.C., or A.J.C., before 4 o'clock p.m., ON MONDAY, 21st MARCH, 1898.
☞ One sovereign (first forfeit) must be forwarded with each entry.
A.J.C. Rules, Bylaws, and Regulations.
T. S. CLIBBORN, Sec.
14 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.
☞ Programmes with full particulars may be obtained.

CANTERBURY PARK RACES.
PONY and GALLOWAY MEETING,
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23.
Park Stakes (15.0), 20 sovs., 4½ furlongs.
River Handicap (14.2), 20 sovs., 4½ furlongs.
Welter Handicap (15.0), 20 sovs., 4 furlongs.
Railway Handicap (14.2), 20 sovs., 5 furlongs.
Telegraph Handicap (14.1), 20 sovs., 4½ furlongs.
Galloway Handicap (15.0), 25 sovs., 7 furlongs 4 chains.
ENTRIES CLOSE at 5 p.m. TO-MORROW, FRIDAY.
Full particulars see programmes.
W. L. DAVIS,
General Manager and Secretary.
Office: 198 Pitt-street. Tel., 2743.

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VICE-REGAL PHOTOGRAPHERS.
12 Fine Art Cabinets and an Enlargement on Opal, size 12 x 10, for 10s 6d.
THE ROCOCO PORTRAITS.
CORNER OF GEORGE AND MARKET STREETS, SYDNEY.

KENSINGTON RACES.
THIS DAY.
6 EVENTS. 75 ENTRIES.
THE ST. PATRICK'S HANDICAP, THE SHAMROCK HANDICAP, HURDLE RACE.
STAND and PADDOCK, 6s only; LEGER RESERVE and STAND, 1s only.
NO OUTSIDE GATE CHARGES. FIRST EVENT 2.15 P.M.
Ordinary Trams leave Bent-street for Kensington Platform or Randwick terminus at 12.5, 12.35, 1.5, 1.35, 2.5, and 2.35 p.m. Special Tram at 12.25 p.m.; Fare, 2d. Special 'Buses will leave Moore-street direct to the Course, via Pitt, Park, Elizabeth, and Oxford streets. The first at 12.30 p.m., thence every 4 minutes. Fare, 1s.
P. O'MARA, Secretary.

For Sale.

LADY, in distress, will SELL her WATCH and CHAIN, £10, cost £17. Box 1297, G.P.O.

STAMP COLLECTION for SALE, whole or part, cheap. Apply 2 Clarence-st.

TICKETS REDUCED RATES.—MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE, BRISBANE, ROCKHAMPTON, AUCKLAND. Also EXCHANGE. 135 KING-STREET, FIRKINS'S Agency, nr. Q. Tart's.

TICKETS.—Melbourne, London, Brisbane (saloon or steerage), Mackay, Adelaide. 163 Pitt-st., next G.P.O.

TICKETS SOLD EVERYWHERE (N.S.W. excepted). CHEAP RATES TO ALL THE COLONIES. TICKETS BOUGHT, SOLD, OR EXCHANGED. 108 PITT-STREET, OPPOSITE G.P.O.

TICKETS.—Few exceptionally cheap, for Melbourne, running out to-day. 108 Pitt-st., opp. G.P.O.

NEST Drawers, Glass Cases, Cedar and Pine Counters, Office, Shop, and other Fittings. 22 Pitt-st.

PED. Table, Enclosed P. Holes, Baskets, Maps, Wall Cases, Counters, Office Tables, &c. 157 King-st.

FOR SALE, for Easter Encampment, or Caterers, best Linen Duck MARQUEE, 22 x 12, Telescope Poles and Stakes, Iron Pegs, complete, made to order. Bargain. Apply No. 11 Room, No. 2 Hunter-street.

COUNTERS, Showcases, Nest Drawers, P.-holes, Cent. Cases, office Tables, Desks, W. Cases. 115 Liverpool-st.

POKER Machines, new and s.-hand, good order; Machines repaired, Chains, Glasses, &c. Craig and Aitken.

FOR SALE, a large white COCKATOO, a very good talker. Apply D. S., 10 Station-st., Petersham.

WILCOX and Gibbs Automatic Treadle S. Machine, all appliances, £5 10s (new). 59 Station-st., P'sham.

SALE OH.—Brass D. Bedstead, Bedding, cost £8 10s, sale £4 5s; Cabinet Beale Machine, cost £15, sale £6; latest Singer Mac., half price; splen. Pianos, £10, £25, £19; superb Mirrors, 25s; Wardrobes, 55s. Elliott's, 627 Geo.-st.

Municipal Council Notices.

BOROUGH OF WOOLLAHRA.

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1898, for General and Special Accounts under Municipalities Act, and for others at dates shown under respective heads, COMPRISING ALL CURRENT ACCOUNTS UNDER CONTROL OF COUNCIL.

Dr.

—	General Account.	Lighting Account.	N. P. A. Account.	Parks Account.	Totals of Revenue Heads.	Totals.
To REVENUE—						
General Rate (12d in the £)	£2,381 8 0	...	...	...	£2,381 8 0	...
Lighting Rate (3d in the £)	...	£595 11 11	...	...	595 11 11	...
Nuisances Prevention Charges	—	...	£178 0 7	...	178 0 7	...
Private Subscription and Contributions to Works— Kerbing and Guttering £70 3 2 Road Repairs 20 12 5 Colebrook Drain 3 14 4	94 9 11	—	—	—	94 9 11	
Sales and Letting of Municipal Property or of Property under Municipal Control	1 14 4	—	—	2 10 0	4 4 4	
Other Sources— Building Fees and Permits £17 5 0 Police Fines and Return of Law Costs 10 15 2 Wharfage 64 11 0	92 11 2	—	—	—	92 11 2	3,346 5 11
Ordinary Refunds, namely— Bath Lease Rent Rose Bay Park Refund	20 13 0 ...	—	—	1 3 3	—	21 16 3
Unsecured Overdraft Commercial Banking Company of Sydney (at close of half-year), including Unpresented Cheques (£2 2s)	1,962 15 3	...			—	1,962 15 3
Totals per Cash Book	4,553 11 8	595 11 11	178 0 7	3 13 3	—	5,330 17 5
Amounts due to General Account, brought forward from last Half-year	1,987 8 6	—	—	...	—	1,987 8 6
Amount due to General Account, carried forward to next Half-year	...	1,512 4 7	776 17 2	53 18 10	—	2,343 0 7
Totals	£6,541 0 2	2,107 16 6	954 17 9	57 12 1	...	9,661 6 6

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—	General Account.	Lighting Account.	N. P. A. Account.	Parks Account.	Totals of Expenditure Heads.	Totals.
By Unsecured Overdraft, Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney (at opening of half-year) including Unpresented Cheques (£4 7s 6d)	£1,181 1 3	...	...	...	...	1,181 1 3
EXPENDITURE—						
Salaries	452 10 0	17 15 0	16 5 0	...	486 10 0	
Office Expenses	25 10 7	10 4 2	5 2 1	...	40 16 10	
Works, Services, and Improvements—Kerbing and Guttering, Scavenging, Asphalting, Trees, Street Watering, Streets Improvement, Wharfs, Street Names, Repairs, Materials, &c.	2,155 2 8	867 4 5	156 12 6	—	3,178 19 7	
Fire Brigade Board (contributions)	44 7 11	...	...	—	44 7 11	
Interest on Debenture Loans	215 0 0	...	...	—	215 0 0	
Interest on Bank Overdraft (unsecured)	25 3 4	...	...	...	25 3 4	
Miscellaneous—Law Costs, Printing, Advertising, and Stationery, Insurance, Rates, Auditors' Fees, Mayor's Allowance, Municipal Association, Petty Sundries	119 3 10	19 17 4	19 17 4	—	158 18 6	4,149 16 2
Totals per Cash Book	4,197 19 7	915 0 11	197 16 11	—	—	5,330 17 5
Amounts due to General Account, brought forward from last Half-year	—	1,192 15 7	757 0 10	57 12 1	...	1,987 8 6
Amounts due to General Account, carried forward to next Half-year	2,343 0 7	...	...	...	...	2,343 0 7
Totals	£6,541 0 2	2,107 16 6	954 17 9	57 12 1	...	9,661 6 6

I hereby certify the above account to be correct, and to correspond with the books of account and vouchers, or other documents in support thereof, in the possession or power of the Municipal Council of Woollahra.
THOMAS MAGNEY, Mayor.

We certify that all the necessary books of account, vouchers, and other documents in support thereof, in the possession or power of the Municipal Council of Woollahra, have been examined by us; and that the foregoing statement corresponds with such books of account, vouchers, and other documents; and that the above statement is correct.
JNO. PAGE, ALBERT E. STONE } Auditors. 8th MARCH, 1898.
CHAS. A. VIVIAN, Council Clerk and Treasurer.

LYCEUM THEATRE.
Under the Sole Direction of Messrs. J. and C. MACMAHON.
THE MOST BRILLIANT SUCCESS OF THE NOW PROVERBIAL LYCEUM DRAMATIC SEASON.
READ WHAT THE LEADING PAPERS SAY:—
THE TERROR OF PARIS.
By arrangement with Mr. W. J. Holloway.

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"It is seldom that any piece has received such a welcome as that accorded 'The Terror of Paris' on Saturday night. . . The enthusiasm of the vast audience was so great as to materially interfere with the action of the play."—SUNDAY TIMES.

. . . "'Look out!' cried an excited girl in the dress circle of the Lyceum on Saturday during an arousing scene in 'The Terror of Paris;' and this expression may be taken as fairly representing the state of feeling on the part of the immense audience, which was kept throughout in a state of suppressed excitement."—DAILY TELEGRAPH.

"'The Terror of Paris' was produced before a magnificent house. . . . It is far and away the best production of the Messrs. MacMahon's season, and that is saying a very big thing indeed. We strongly commend our readers not to miss seeing it."—TRUTH.

THE LYCEUM TARIFF.—Dress Circle, 2s 6d; Reserved Stalls, 2s; Stalls, 1s; Family Circle, 6d. Box Plan at Nicholson and Co.'s.

PATTINSON'S DRUG STORES,
SYDNEY AND SUBURBS.
REDUCED PRICE-LIST OF MEDICINES.

Allcock's Plasters, 6d
Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, 1s 11d
Ayer's Hair Vigour, 2s 9d
Ayer's Sarsaparilla, 2s 3d
Barry's Tricopherous, 1s 1d
Butterfly Perfume, 1s 3d
Condy's Fluid, 1s
Cockle's Pills, 10d
Clarke's Night Lights, 9½d
Cuticura Resolvent, 2s
Cuticura Ointment, 1s 9d
Clement's Tonic, 1s 11d and 3s 3d
Diamond Dyes, 4d
Dinniford's Fluid Magnesia, 9½d
De Joy's Cigarettes, 2s 2d
Edward's Harlene, 11d
Elliman's Embrocation, 11d and 1s 11d
Eno's Fruit Salt, 2s 1d
Fellow's Syrup, 3s 11d
Florida Water, M. and L's., 2s 3d
Horsford's Acid Phosphate, 1s 9d
Hearn's Bronchitis Cure, 2s
Holloway's Pills, 11d
Holloway's Ointment, 11d
Janos Water, qts., 1s 3d
Keating's Insect Powder, 11d
Keating's Cough Lozenges, 11½d
Kay's Ess. Linseed, 1s
Kepler Malt and Oil, 1s 10d and 3s 3d
Lombardia, 2s
Lockyer's Hair Restorer, 1s 4d
Maltine and Oil, 2s 1d and 3s 9d
Mortein, 8d
Morse's Pills, 10d
Minerva Preparations, all kinds
Maypole Soap, 4d and 6d
Nestle's Food, 1s 4d
Painkiller, 1s
Pond's Extract, 1s 3d
Pear's Soap, 5½d
Soaps, Cashmere, 5½d and 10d
Soaps, Cuticura, 8d
Scott's Emulsion, 2s 11d
St Jacob's Oil, 1s
Swandown, 6d
Steedman's Powders, 10d
Vinolia Cream, 1s
Vin-dia Powder, 1s
Winslow's Syrup, 10d
Warner's Safe Cure, 3s 6d.

Tenders.

ARTISTS and PAINTERS.—If you want best quality Goods for Lowest Cost buy from
JAMES SANDY and CO.,
271 and 330 George-street.

ASPHALT.—TENDERS wanted Asphalting Paths Stables, Thomas and Wattle sts., Ultimo.

BOROUGH OF PADDINGTON.
TENDERS are invited, and will be received until MONDAY, the 28th instant, at 3 p.m., for the following Annual Contracts:—
Scavenging of the Borough.
Tar-paving.
Supply of Blue Metal.
Printing.
Specifications, &c., to be seen on application to the undersigned.
A. VIALOUX,
Council Clerk.
Town Hall,
10th March, 1898.

BRICKLAYERS.—TENDERS wanted for small job. Inquire 98 Harris-st., Pyrmont.

BRICKWORK.—TENDERS wanted Brickwork. Thomas and Wattle sts., Ultimo.

CARPENTERS.—TENDERS for W.B. Cottage, L. O. Lane Cove-rd., Thornleigh, next Mr. Cook's.

CARPENTERS.—TENDERS wanted small job, North Shore line, labour only, 9 to 10, Thursday or Friday.
PRITCHARD and SON,
19 Macquarie-place.

DAMPCOURSE, pure bitumen, portable rolls, cheaper, better than imp. or slates. Asphaltum Co., Druitt-st.

FOR SALE, by TENDER, Stock and Goodwill of an old-established Boot Business in George-street. Tenders close 12 a.m. Saturday, March 19th. For further particulars apply 634 George-street, city.

GENERAL STORE, stock £2000, for DISPOSAL at 15s 6d in the £. Nearly £1000 worth of goods have been added during the last four weeks for the coming season's trade, and buyer will be required to take up further indent due shortly at cost, plus landing charges.
The business is a profitable one, over £1000 having been cleared during the last two years. Every information afforded to bona-fide buyers.
Terms: Half cash; balance, approved endorsed bills, from 1 to 6 months. Private reasons for selling.
Apply first instance,
Wilsonia, c. o. Box 241, G.P.O., Sydney.

GRAVING DOCK AT NEWCASTLE.
TENDERS are invited for the Construction of a GRAVING DOCK at STOCKTON, Newcastle.
Plans and specifications are to be seen at the office of the undersigned, 63 Pitt-street, Sydney, on and after WEDNESDAY, 23rd March.
Tenders must be endorsed "Tenders for Graving Dock at Newcastle," and lodged with the undersigned before noon on TUESDAY, 12th April, 1898. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. HARPER, HARPER, and HENDERSON, Civil Engineers.

IN THE ASSIGNED ESTATE of DAVID MOON, trading as the CO-OPERATIVE DRAPERY COMPANY, of 123 Oxford-street, Sydney.
TENDERS are invited for the Purchase of the Stock-in-trade and Plant, as under, and will be received at our office until NOON TO-DAY:—

Manchester	£141 6 7
Dresses	132 12 10
Clothing and Mercery	55 10 1
Millinery	79 11 2
Corsets and Underclothing	84 0 2
Fancy	72 11 1
Laces	21 16 10
Hosiery and Haberdashery	48 3 11
Gloves and Ribbons	91 13 10
Fixtures and Plant	65 0 0
	£792 6 6

The stock has been taken by our agent, Mr. Hobday, at its estimated present value.
Tenders, which must be on our form, to be accompanied by the usual 10 per cent. deposit.
The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
KENT and BRIERLEY,
Public Accountants,
50 The Strand.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MANLY.
TENDERS will be received up to 5 p.m. TUESDAY, the 29th March, for the following Annual SERVICES and REQUIREMENTS:—
Removal of House Rubbish
Emptying of Earth Pans and Fill Pits
Blacksmithing
Kerbing and Guttering, at per foot
Horse and Dray Service, at per hour
Supply of Earthen Drain Pipes, at per foot.
Specifications may be seen during office hours, on application to the undersigned.
Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
Tenders to be endorsed according to the service tendered for.
T. C. HAYLOCK,
Council Clerk.
Council-chambers, Manly,
10th March, 1898.

PRINTERS.—TENDERS, Printing Library Catalogues, 5000. Jesson's Deliver'g Library, 45 Broadway, Glebe.

QUARRYMEN.—Tenders wanted for Quarrying Stone at Springwood. Apply John Lawler, 610 George-st.

SUTTON and CO., Heavy Carriers, York and Market sts. Customs Agents. Goods del. anywhere. Tel., 17.

TO MINING INVESTORS.
THE MOUNT STEWART LEAD AND SILVER MINING COMPANY, No Liability,
In Liquidation,
Leadville, near Mudgee.
TENDERS are invited for the Purchase of the above Mine, Machinery, Plant, Tools, &c., as it stands.
The property consists of 40 acres held under mineral lease from the Government.
The Plant comprises Water-jacket Smelters (complete), Winding Gear, Pumps, Engines, Boilers, Stores, &c.
TENDERS will Close on MARCH 28th, 1898. The highest or any other tender not necessarily accepted.
Deposit of 10 per cent. to accompany tender.
Full particulars from
G. S. BUZACOTT, Liquidator,
70 Pitt-street, Sydney.

THE NEWCASTLE AND HUNTER RIVER STEAMSHIP COMPANY, Limited.
TO WHARF-BUILDERS.
TENDERS are invited for the Extension of this Company's Jetty at Darling Harbour.
Tenders close at noon on TUESDAY, 22nd MARCH.
Plans and Specifications and all particulars can be obtained on application at the Company's Office, 147 Sussex-street.
F. J. THOMAS,
Manager.

TENDERS are invited at the office of the undersigned up till MONDAY Next for Stabling, &c., Darling Point. ERNEST A. SCOTT, Architect, P.O.-chambers, Pitt-street.

Tenders.

THE THOMAS WALKER CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL, Parramatta River.
TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to noon of WEDNESDAY, 23rd instant, for the Supply of 150 Tons (measurement) of FIREWOOD for the above institution.
Specifications may be seen at the Hospital or at the Town Office.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
ALFRED BRYANT,
Secretary.
Town office: 7 Gresham-street, Sydney.

TO BUILDERS.
TENDERS are invited for the ERECTION and COMPLETION of HOUSE, Red Hill, MANLY.
PLAN and SPECIFICATION may be seen on application to Fern Villa, George-street, Manly (after 6 p.m.), and also during office hours, to the undersigned. Tenders close on WEDNESDAY, 23rd instant.
THOMAS TIDSWELL, Architect. North Queensland Insurance-buildings, opposite Exchange.

TO CONTRACTORS, BUILDERS, AND OTHERS. At the CITIZENS' LIFE ASSURANCE OFFICE, Moore and Castlereagh streets.
TO BE SOLD, cheap, Grand Lot BUILDING MATERIAL, Joists, Rafters, Flooring-boards, Panel Doors of all sizes, Window Frames and Casements, Slates, Flagging Stones, Stone Steps, Iron Railing, Mantels, &c. A Couple of Hundred Loads of Half Bricks to be given away.

TO BUILDERS.—TENDERS Close on THURSDAY, March 24th, for Cottage, Gladstone-street, Marrickville. Those re-tendering are requested to forward their Tenders to the undersigned at 12 noon on that date.
F. E. MALUMBY, Architect,
109 Albion-street, Surry Hills.

TENDERS will be received up to 5 p.m. TO-DAY for the Supply and Erection of Cattle Fittings on board the S.S. Tagliaferro. Full particulars may be obtained from Captain DUTHIE, on board steamer at Mort's Dock.
BURNS, PHILP, and CO., Limited.

TENDERS invited for Purchase and Removal of Buildings No. 374 George-street, adjoining G.P.O.
HERBERT S. THOMPSON,
Architect.
Hoffe-chambers,
60 Castlereagh-street.

TO BUILDERS.
TENDERS for Two Houses, Glassop-street, Balmain, close at 10 a.m. THIS DAY.
SLATYER and COSH, Architects.
Post Office-chambers,
114 Pitt-street, Sydney.

TO PAINTERS.
TENDERS are invited for Painting, &c., to Premises, Nos. 393, 395, and 397 Pitt-street, Sydney. Specification may be seen at our offices upon completion.
SLATYER and COSH, Architects.
Post Office-chambers, 114 Pitt-street, Sydney.

TO JEWELLERS AND WATCHMAKERS.
TENDERS to be called in a few days for a first-class BUSINESS, as the owner is leaving for the old country. A very rare chance for a good man to make a speedy fortune.

TENDERS for Plastering, corner Huntley and Jesson sts., Alexandria.

TENDERS, Mason Work, stone boath'se, built George's River, Hurstv. Stuart, 14 Campbell-st., Camp'down.

TENDERS wanted for W.C. Fittings and Drainage to 4 Houses. Apply to P. Bill, 4 Bligh-st., Newtown.

TENDERS for Drainage Eleven Houses, labour only. Thurlow-st., Moore Park, Redfern.

TENDERS (Manly) Erection of 5 Cottages, Gibbings and Summerhayes, 13 Castlereagh-st.

TENDERS, Carpenter's, Joiner's Work, Cottage. New buildings, next Jolly's house, Avenue-rd., Mosman.

TENDERS wanted for Repairs to Slate Roof. J. Ramsey, 178 Phillip-st., near King-st.

TENDERS Cottage, Drummoyne, labour or labour and mat'ls. Plans, Sutton and Co., York and Market sts.

TENDERS, Asphalting yard, &c. Stephens, 150 Clarence-st., city.

TENDERS (labour only) Plastering and Slating large Cottage, Manly, close Sat. Hind, Belgrave-st.

TENDERS wanted for Building Stairs. A. M'Bride, 59 St. John's-rd., Forest Lodge.

TENDERS wanted for Lathing 2 houses next Royal Hotel, Abercrombie-st., city.

TILERS.—Price wanted, labour only, Tiling 1 Cottage, Grimley, Stanley-st., foot Newland-st., Waverley.

TIMBER Merchants.—Tenders wanted for 4800ft. 3 x 2 and 6 x 2½ Hardwood. Apply Lawler, 610 Geo.-st.

WANTED, TENDERS for Making first-class Working Hose Reel for Islington Fire Brigade.
Full particulars apply to
FRED. MOODIE,
Secretary Islington Fire Brigade,
Newcastle.
Tenders close FRIDAY, March 25th, 1898.

WANTED, Tenders for Rubble Work, labour only. Brown and Tapson, conts., Lane Cove-rd., Nth. Syd.

SLATES, Slates, Slates, 20 x 10 and 18 x 10, Best Welsh Purple, now ready for delivery at lowest rates; Marble and Slate Steps, Nosings, &c. Estimates given. G. E. CRANE and SONS, Factory and Stores, Pitt-st., Cir. Qy.

WANTED, Moveable OFFICE, not less than 12 by 10 at 1. State terms, apply Platt Boat, Herald.

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A VERY handsome HACKNEY, £20; reliable FAMILY Horse, £14; another, £13; STOUT PONY, 14 hands, £10; MINIATURE PET Pony and Harness, £10; Pony Gig, £10; very stylish BRASS-MOUNTED SULKIES, Lamps complete, from £16 to £25; Hooded BUGGY, £22 10s; Buggy, £22; STRONG Hooded Buggy, £12 10s; Box Buggy, £7. FOR HIRE. Horses and Vehicles. Vehicles stored FREE when sold 5 p.c. All Clients HONESTLY TREATED. Cash or terms.
Tel., 602. GALVAYNE, 127 Castlereagh-street.

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WHILE YOU WAIT.
WEST'S PATENT TIRE-SETTER,
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Haymarket, Sydney.

BUYERS of VEHICLES should inspect J. M'Namara's Superior Stock before purchasing elsewhere, for QUALITY and Cheapness cannot be surpassed. Every description of Buggies, Ladies' Phaetons, Horse and Pony Sulkies, Dog, Pony, Bradley, Village, Spring, and Butcher's Carts, Express and Hawker's Waggons, Harness, Saddlery, &c., for cash only. M'NAMARA'S BAZAAR, 157 Castlereagh-street. Tel., 1837.

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FOR SALE, Four light Business CARTS, one with hood, cheap. 126 Wyndham-st., Alexandria.

AMERICAN Four and Two Wheel DOGCARTS, Concords, and Phaetons for horse and pony; Triple-seat Buckboards, Ladies' Low Phaetons, Sociables, Waggons, Sulkies, &c., reduced. KEAREY BROS., 222 Pitt-street.

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LIGHT Express and strong Hawkers Waggons, Sulkies, and Village Carts, cheap. 166 Cleveland-st. West.

FOR SALE, a good staunch Mare, or will exchange for a Draught Horse. M'Enery and Co., 16 Oxford-st.

CHESTNUT Horse, Hooded Sulky, and Harness, cheap. Apply Thursday, St. Ives, Warren-rd., Marrickville.

SULKY, Horse, Har., £8; Buggy, Horse, Har., £6; ½-Van, Horse, Har., £9; Tilted, Box carts. 623 Geo.-st.

GENT. leaving must Sell, D. S. Buggy, hood; lady's Phaeton, Hansom, Sulky, Horse, Harness. 623 Geo.-st.

FOR SALE, cheap, Bay MARE, suit sulky, train trial. Ashton, Kensington-st., off George-st. West.

A CREAM PONY for SALE, thoroughly quiet and sound, about 6 years, 14 hands, easily driven by a lady, cheap.
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A NEAT, strong, 3-spring SULKY for SALE, £5 10s, bargain. 113 Elizabeth-st., city.

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FOR SALE, Grey MARE, quiet, good condition, cheap. Apply 653 King-st., Newtown, next St. Peters Station.

TWO first-class double-seated outunder hooded Buggies, stylish, light, strong. Sale cheap or exc. 23 Bligh-st., c.

SEVERAL very pretty Pony Carts, also bent shaft Pony Sulkies, suit 11 to 13 h. ponies, cheap, exc. 23 Bligh-st.

BUGGY, young Horse, Harness, £6; Grocer's Cart, Horse, Harness, £7; Van, £4. 25 Greek-st., Glebe.

BAY MARE, 15.2, for SALE, Traveller's Cart, and Harness. J. Smith, butcher, Stanmore-rd.

SALE, young, stylish Black HORSE, SADDLE, and HARNESS, sound, no vice. 140 Flinders-st., M. P'k.

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STYLISH Bent-shaft Brass-mounted SULKY, Brass-mounted HARNESS, showy PONY, very fast, splendid action; any trial; suit doctor; sell cheap.
115 George-street North.

WANTED, light 2-spring CART, suitable for milk, strong, cheap. A. Sharp, Boundary-st., L. Coogee.

CHEAP CORN.—2s 7d per bushel, splendid value. Taylor Bros., Regent-st., Sydney; Bridge-rd., Pyrmont.

WANTED, a PONY and Harness, bent-shaft Sulky. M. Bougher, corner Marrickville and Victoria rds.

WANTED, a SULKY and HARNESS to Hire for a week or two. Address
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WANTED, Second-hand Set English Double HARNESS, brass-mounted, in good order, suitable for 15-hand horses.
BEADELL'S BAZAAR, 68 Hunter-street.

WANTED, good strong SPRINGCART for country. J. N. Ferguson, butcher, Ashfield.

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Businesses for Sale.

WILLIAMS and CO., 110 King-st.—Grocery, doing £30 guaranteed, valuation about £70.

GROCERY, Confectionery, &c., taking £14 weekly, rent 15s, fully stocked, £40. Williams.

CONFECTIONERY, &c., city, first-class business, same hands many years, full value in stock, £35. Williams.

BAKERY, city, trade 20 sacks week'y, bread full pr. e, old established, 4 horses, 3 carts, complete baking plant, one of best ovens in Sydney, rent 30s, owner leaving colony, everything £160. Williams and Co., 110 King-st.

BAKERY, thriving country town, doing 12 sacks wkly., bread 3½d, 2 horses and carts, good plant, complete, fine corner shop, best position in town, good smallgoods trade, selling through illness. £170, terms. Williams.

STATIONERY, Fancy Goods, &c., taking £30 weekly, high-class business, full value, £85. Williams.

NEWS Agency, city, 800 papers guaranteed, good sale comics, &c., gen. bargn., only £45. Williams.

NEWS Agency and Stationery, suburb, 1000 papers, shop trade £5, run increasing daily, £20. Williams.

FRUIT, Confectionery, Refreshments, &c., tourist town, southern line, fine position, barg., £30. Williams.

WILLIAMS and CO., 110 King-st.—Hairdressing and Tobacconist, 3 chairs, trade £25, well stocked, £130.

WARDEN, 69 ELIZABETH-STREET,
near King-street
Suburban HOTEL, main road, lease 10 yrs., rent 53s, beer 5 x 36's, modern bar, only £150 cash.

WARDEN.—Hotel, Sussex-st., weekly trade 6 x 36's, very profitable business, full price £400.

WARDEN.—Suburban Hotel, rent £3 10s, beer 6 hogsheads weekly, lease 17 yrs., newly done up, £450.

WARDEN.—Hotel, suburb, 10 yrs. at 30s wk., stabling, excellent corner, price £750, terms. 69 Elizabeth-st.

JOSEPH and CO., Hotel Brokers, 106 King-street. Established 1880.
Hotel, Haymarket, well-fitted bar, £40 weekly, £250.
Hotel, Paddington, lease 10, grand trade, £300.
Old-established Hotel, Pitt-street, free, £40 wkly., £500.
Hotel, George-street, payments £120 monthly, £350.
Leading sub. Hotel, lease 15, 5 x 54's, £400.
Hotel, Glebe, lease 9, payments £150 monthly, £350.
Compact city Hotel, average £25 weekly, £120.
Hotel, principal shipping, suit seafaring man, £100.
Hotel, city, surrounded by factories, grand trade, £350.
Hotel, central, 2 bars, average £60 weekly, £250.
Hotel, Circular Quay, profitable bar trade, £250.
Particulars, JOSEPH and CO., 106 King-street.

RESTAURANT, city, takings £15 weekly, rent 20s, 9 beds, furn., cooking range, lot £100. Joseph and Co.

GENERAL Store, takings £9 weekly cash, rent 17s, must be sold to-day, £17. Joseph and Co.

FRUIT, Confectionery, Refreshments, city, takings £20 weekly, rent 20s, nice residence, £55. Joseph and Co.

COLONIAL WINE, FRUIT, Refreshment, centre city, first-class trade, good dwelling, low rent, grandly fitted, splendid connection, well-stocked, genuine bargain, only wants inspection, £80. JOSEPH and CO., 106 King street.

BAKERY, suburban, 27 bags weekly, top prices, 3 horses, 3 cart, plant, £160. Joseph and Co.

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WILLIAMS and POWELL, 158 Pitt-street, offer—Hotel, close city, r. 40s, trade £20, £100.
Hotel, suburbs, free house, rent 25s, £90, call.
Hotel, city, free, £110, splendid stand, genuine.
Hotel, shipping, trade £30, proved, cash £125.
Hotel, compulsory sale, rent 65s, £100 cash.

SHOPPEE, Hotel Broker, 211 Eliz.-st., Hyde Park.—HOTEL, Railway Gates, 8 years, rent £2, £100 cash.
HOTEL, Hyde Park, rent £2 10s, gdl., £100 cash.
HOTEL, Sussex-street, rent £2, 10 years, £160 cash.
HOTEL, city, rent £2 10s, 3 36's weekly, £175 cash.
HOTEL BUYERS. Call for List to inspect.

HOTELS, city, £90, £100, £150, £175. Suburbs, £125, £175, £200, to £1000. Country, £325, £350, £600, £1000. Hairdressers, city, £60, £40; Suburbs, £50, £35; Tea Rooms, £50, £100. City News Agency, £175; Grocery, £30.
M'GUIRE and CO., 135 King-street, Sydney.

GEO. THOMAS and CO., BUSINESS and BOARDING-HOUSES, Liberal Cash Assistance to Purchasers, 94 PITT-STREET, near Moore-street.

CONFECTIONERY, handsomely fitted shop, cash takings £18 weekly, busy street, must sell through unforeseen circumstances, cheapest sell on offered, gift, suit 2 ladies; £65. JOHN S. WILLIAMS, 214 Pitt-st. (only).

NEWS Agency, good run, horse, cart, shop trade £10 wkly., big prospects, only £55. John S. Williams.

TEA Rooms, close G.P.O., marble table, well-apptd., estab. connection, bargain, £65. John S. Williams.

GROCERY, subs., well stocked, shop, cash takings £20 weekly, main street, see this, £60. J. S. Williams.

GENERAL Store, good outside run, horse, cart, clearing £3 weekly, proof, £50. John S. Williams.

OWEN and CO., 491 Castlereagh-st., between King-st. and Australia Hotel.

BOARDING-HOUSE, splendid situation, low rent, nicely furnished and well kept, 7 boarders; owing to illness this business is to be sold at price of furniture only; for immediate sale, genuine bargain. OWEN and CO.

CONFECTIONERY and Stationery, situated in the best stand in principal street, rent only 25s; nice shop and good dwelling, nicely fitted, well stocked, and doing good cash trade, £55. OWEN and CO., 491 Castlereagh-street.

FOR SALE,
STEAM AERATED WATER
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CORDIAL FACTORY,
Western District,
doing good business.
Terms, &c., apply
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FOR SALE, in a large and thriving town in a rich and thickly peopled district in the North of New South Wales, an old-established NEWSPAPER and JOBBING BUSINESS, with a splendid connection, and issuing a journal bi-weekly. The plant consists of a large supply of news type, including jobbing plant, also a Wharfedale (double demy) machine, in good order.
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SMALL GROCERY BUSINESS for SALE, in Woollahra, stock about £60. Tillock, Kent and L'pool sts.

WANTED, Genuine Suburban HOTEL, no agents. Particulars to Publican, Herald Office.

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COLONIAL WINE, Fruit, Conf., &c., £4 week clear, bargain, £75. Day and Co., 295 Pitt-st.

GROCERY, rent 10s 6d, trade £12, big stock, nice corner, real gift, £35 early. Day and Co., 295 Pitt-st.

POULTRY FARM, 5 acres, rent 2s, 9 miles out, 125 poultry, lease 20 years, £30. Day and Co., 295 Pitt-st.

TO LET, LAUNDRY and PREMISES, 18 Elizabeth-st., near Hunter-st.

PROFITABLE little Business, £15, bargain; £5 cash, balance to suit buyer. 23 Imperial Arcade.

GROCER'S Business, splendid premises, low rent, main street, stock, goodwill, £195. W. C., P.O., Darl'ton.

BUSINESSES, any description, in town or country, Purchased, cash. H. Isaacs, 364 Crown-st., Surry H.

HAIRDRESSER and Tobacconist's BUSINESS, a good spec. for a small capitalist, best stand in town, low rental, good accommodation, well selected stock in shop, saloon well fitted up, 4 chairs, 5 large mirrors, &c.; must be sold on account of sickness; no reasonable offer refused. For particulars apply 539 George-street.

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A STATIONERY, Fancy, Tobacconist Business, good stand, cheap, rent only 9s. 114 Redfern-st., Redfern.

ARNOTT'S
MILK ARROWROOTS,
THE CHILDREN'S BISCUITS.
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NEEDHAM and CO., 31 Elizabeth-st.—Boarding-house, 10 rooms, 9 boarders, £110.

BOARDING-HOUSE, 17 rooms, 4 acres ground, good garden, beautiful view of the harbour, well furnished, boarders paying high terms, £550.
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LODGING-HOUSE, Church-hill, 9 rooms, rent 27s 6d, good furniture, always full, £50. Needham and Co.

WINE and Refreshment Rooms, centre city, trade £15 weekly, well stocked, £90. Needham and Co.

BUTTER and Provision RUN, rent 12s 6d, trade 13 kegs weekly (each 60lb.), 50 doz. eggs, bacon and tea, any trial will be given, horses, carts, &c., £220.
NEEDHAM and CO., 31 Elizabeth-street.

NEWS AGENCY and Stationery, good suburb, large corner shop and dwelling, 7000 papers sold weekly, shop trade £20, any trial, stock, fittings, &c., £600.
NEEDHAM and CO., 31 Elizabeth-street.

FRUIT, Confectionery, and Drinks, shop, 3 rooms, rent 32s 6d, trade £9 weekly, £65. Needham and Co.

DAIRY, 6 rooms, 6-acre paddock, rent 15s, 5 cows, horse, cart, cans, £45. Needham and Co.

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IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, in suburb, just out of Sydney, absolutely no opposition, cash £150. 119 King-st.

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IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, country, rent £2 10s, takings £35, sickness sole cause for selling, £280. 119 King-st.

GREENGROCERY and Fruit Business, horse, van, and harness, scales, lot £15. Clarke, news ag., Annandale.

TOBACCONIST and Hairdressing, rent 20s, city, two chairs, part cash, or to Let. Craig and Aitken.

CONFEC., Stationery, F. Goods, Summer Drinks, double shop, £25. Collett, Hotel Victoria, Crown & Dev. sts.

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Houses and Land for Sale.

PADDINGTON.—Brick HOUSE, 4 rooms, kitchen, w.-h., copper, &c., good yard, handy 2d 'buses and trams. Torrens title. Price, £300, easy terms if desired. WALTER RUSH and CO., 101 Queen-street, Woollahra.

FOR Immediate SALE, GREENDALE VILLA, Mosman's Point, contains 10 beautiful rooms, land 46 x 100, magnificent views, overlooks Garden Island, easy terms. Inspection invited.

A SPLENDID INVESTMENT, 293 Abercrombie-st., Redfern (Eveleigh Workshops).—For SALE, Terrace 4 new HOUSES, beautifully finished, P. doors, din., sit., 4 bed rooms, marble mantels, tiled hearths, front garden plot, gas, water, roomy kit., e. copper, laundry, fitted to perfection, lovely bathroom, lavatory, p.w.c., large yards to lane; inspection invited; low price, small deposit, easy terms; immediate possession. J. M'GILL.

DARLINGTON.—Here is a chance to secure a HOME close to the city, cheap, on very easy terms. New HOUSE, 122 Rose-street, Darlington, dining, sitting, 3 bed rooms, marble mantles, tiled hearths, large kitchen, lovely bath, washhouse fitted to perfection, gas, every con., £30 dep., bal. inst. Inspection invited. J. M'GILL.

TWENTY POUNDS PER ACRE, upset price, for Land at North Sydney, just off the Lane Cove-road, in Nichol's Estate. AUCTION SALE, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23rd. HARDIE and GORMAN.

BARGAIN, WAVERLEY.—Substantial modern Brick COTTAGE, double-fronted, good position, perfect order, 4 rooms, kitchen, laundry, bathroom, &c., verandah front and back, only £425 (worth £500); small deposit, easy terms. Prompt inspection advisable. International Investment Co., Ltd., 300 Pitt-st. W. J. Douglas, mgr.

BURWOOD (on the hill). Views unequalled. Great Bargain. £480.
This is an 8-roomed double-fronted House, kit., pantry, bath, laundry, scullery, stabling, coachhouse, corner allotment. The property is in an exceedingly healthy position, and the views for miles around are really choice. The property is in good order and condition, and is about the cheapest property we know of; land 41 x 150. Stanton, Summer Hill.

FOR SALE, at LEWISHAM, on EXCEPTIONALLY EASY TERMS.
NICE COTTAGE, of brick, slate roof, 7 rooms, and all conveniences; land, 60ft. frontage, secluded position, fronting the Boulevard. Terms, £50 cash, balance by monthly instalments of £8, inclusive of interest, during 10 years; or will accept £600 cash.
PIERCY TIDELL and CO., 3 Moore-street.

WANTED to Give Away, COTTAGE, 4 bedrooms, drawing and dining rooms, all modern conveniences, 10 minutes from Summer Hill station, facing park, Pembroke-street. Will sell within £50 less than cost. Make your own offer. S. COLEMAN,
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BARGAINS.—Handsome new detached HOUSE, 6 rooms, £600; new detached COTTAGE, 6 rooms, £475; new COTTAGE, detached, 5 rooms, £425; new semi-detached COTTAGE, 4 rooms, hall, £300; HOUSE, 6 rooms, £310. Freehold titles; 2 minutes 2d tram. Inspect at once.
GILLIES and CO.,
217 Oxford-street, Paddington.

A CAPITAL Investment, at Camperdown.—TERRACE 5 substantial brick houses, good position, rents £91, price £650; mortgaged; owner leaving colony.
CHAPMAN and HAZLEWOOD, 127 King-street.

A CHANCE.—Pair of elegant Brick HOUSES, 5 rooms, &c., in best position Glenmore-road, Paddington, price £800, rents £60 p.a.
W. A. NOTTING and CO., 132 Pitt-street.

WAVERLEY HEIGHTS, choice sheltered position.—Delightful Villa RESIDENCE, wide hall, 7 rooms, kitchen, nice block of land, £850; £50 deposit, balance as rent. W. A. NOTTING and CO., 132 Pitt-street.

DOUBLE PAY, handy cable tram.—Pair brick Villas, each 6 rooms, kitchen, harbour view, £2800 pair.
W. A. NOTTING and CO., 132 Pitt street.

INVESTMENT.—Annandale.—Cottage Property, each cottage has 4 rooms, &c., £1500, £156 per annum.
W. A. NOTTING and CO., 132 Pitt-street.

LAND, 10 ac., 25 fruit trees, 200 vines, 10 x 100 strawberries, 3-roomed cottage, £125. H., 437 Riley-st.

FIRST-CLASS HOUSE for SALE, near water; first-class House wanted, Chatswood &c. R. Harnett, agt.

BOTANY.—Grand elevated BLOCK, 3 acres, £90 the lot, great bargain. C. F. Lea, 139 King-st.

CAMPBELLTOWN (near).—40 ACRES, 250 fruit trees, 300 vines (all bearing), 20,000 strawberry plants, 2 u.g. tanks, well of water, &c., w.b. Cottage, 3 r'ms, lined, papered, a bargain, £190. Page and Co., 139 King-street.

HURSTVILLE, close station and Pub. School.—Brick Cot., 6 r., nearly ½a. land, £350. Page, 139 King-st.

DULWICH HILL.—Pair well-built brick Houses, 7 rooms, cheap, £700. Page and Co., 139 King-st.

PADDINGTON.—Comfortable brick Cottage, 5 rooms, £150. Page and Company, 139 King-st.

GLEBE POINT.—4 desirable Residences, 7 rms., £2200, good investment. Page and Company, 139 King-st.

NEW Brick COTTAGE, ½ mile from city, £250, pay 14 per cent., mortgagee. 20 George-st. West.

WATERLOO, Botany-rd., opp. Collins st.—2 ALLOTMENTS, £40 each. G. H. Mobbs, Parramatta.

SHOP and Dwelling for SALE. Apply 190 Underwood-st., Paddington.

ENFIELD.—W. B. Cottage, 4 r., land 66 x 250, nr. tram, suit poultry, £115. M'Coy and Co., Marrickville ter.

EXCELLENT W. B. COTTAGE (lathed and plastered), 5 rs., kitchen, bathroom, laundry (fitted); stabling, workshop, gas and water, land 79 x 125, near train, £325, terms, rare chance. M'COY and CO., Marrickville ter.

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General Merchandise.

YOUNGER COOKING STOVES, all sizes, from 1 to 8. First prize at Exhibition; guaranteed to work where all others fail; just reduced in price. G. FLETCHER and SON, Oxford-square, Oxford-street, Sydney.

Wanted to Purchase.

FURNITURE, Pianos, Sewing Machines Bought for spot cash, no delay. Brown, 41 Broadway, Glebe.

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TICKETS.—Melbourne, Adelaide, Wanted, highest prices; Auckland, sell cheap. 163 Pitt-st., next G.P.O.

TICKETS (PASSENGER) TICKETS. ALL PARTS, BOUGHT or EXCHANGED. FULL FACE VALUE GIVEN.
135 KING-STREET, FIRKINS'S Agency, nr. Q. TART'S.

TICKETS BOUGHT, SOLD, or EXCHANGED. FULL VALUE GIVEN FOR ALL TICKETS. INTERCOLONIAL TOURIST AGENCY, 108 PITT-STREET, OPPOSITE G.P.O.

WANTED to Hire, for two weeks, a large ROLLER, weight about 6cwt. Apply Searl's, 109 King-st.

WANTED, second-hand PIANO, cheap, in good order. Full particulars apply by letter 41 Holt-st., S. H.

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Auction Sales.

GENUINE UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE.
LEE and CO. will sell by public auction, 11 o'clock on MONDAY NEXT, the 21st instant, at Crown-street, Surry Hills, the Contents of a 10-room Boarding-house, 12 Bedsteads, Piano, Suites, &c., &c. Full particulars in Saturday and Monday's Herald.
E. F. LEE and CO.,
Auctioneers and Valuators,
94 Oxford-street, Paddington.

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INGLIS AND SON'S HORSE BAZAAR.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m. sharp, Vans, Springcarts, Horses, and Harness, Draught Horses, Tipdrays, and Harness.
At 12 o'clock,
Horses and Vehicles of every description.
Specially advertised. Tel., 1381.

SUPERIOR SULKY TURNOUT.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, AT 12 O'CLOCK,
BROWN PONY MARE, about 13.2, thoroughly quiet and reliable; first-class three-spring Sulky and set of Harness.

HANDSOME DARK TAFFY-COLOURED PONY.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. S. B. Nicholl to sell by auction, THIS DAY, AT 12 O'CLOCK,
Handsome DARK TAFFY PONY MARE, broken to harness, thoroughly quiet, and very stylish.

THREE USEFUL SADDLE and HARNESS HORSES.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, THIS DAY, AT 12 O'CLOCK,
Three Useful SADDLE and HARNESS HORSES, all broken in, and subject to trials.

WANTED FOR SHIPMENT,
50 GOOD LIGHT HORSES,
4 to 8 years old.
Any suitable will be inspected THIS DAY at our Bazaar, Pitt-street, at 10 o'clock a.m.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON,
Stock Agents,
244 Pitt-street.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.
CAMPERDOWN YARDS.
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, MARCH 18th, at 2.30.
70 HEAD. 70 HEAD. 70 HEAD.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at the Camperdown Saleyards, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, March 18th, at 2.30 p.m.,
On account of the Manager of the CAMDEN PARK ESTATE, MENANGLE,
50 SUPERIOR HORSES, comprising Heavy and Active Draughts, including a number of Suffolk Punch and Well-bred Light Horses with substance, broken and unbroken, and in good condition.
*** Among the Lot are 12 DRAUGHT MARES IN FOAL, seven of them also have Foals at foot. These are WORTHY THE ATTENTION of BREEDERS and FARMERS, and THEY INCLUDE a NUMBER of WELL-BRED SUFFOLK PUNCH MARES.
On account WESTERN AGENTS, Trucked at Orange,
20 FRESH COUNTRY HORSES, comprising good sorts of Saddle, Light Harness Descriptions, and Ponies, all in tip-top condition.
*** Among the Lot are a PAIR of BAY PONIES, 11 hands, real good sorts, and a splendid match.

SUPERIOR BROUGHAM HORSE.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 12 O'CLOCK,
SUPERIOR BROWN COB GELDING, thick set, and strong, very quiet and reliable, stands traps, suitable for brougham or victoria.

MILCH COWS. MILCH COWS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, 827 George-street, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, March 17th, at 11 o'clock,
on account of Messrs. S. M'Munn, Briggs, Bouffier, M'Intosh Bros., and other owners,
60 First-class Milch Cows, in full milk, with young calves at foot, from the best dairies in Southern and Hunter districts.
At half-past 3 o'clock,
80 First-class Dry and Fat Cattle.

SUPERIOR HALF-BRED JERSEY COW.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr S. M'Munn to sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, 827 George-street, THIS DAY, Thursday, March 17th, AT 11 O'CLOCK SHARP,
HALF-BRED JERSEY COW, milk 16 quarts a day, suitable for private family.

FAT CATTLE. FAT CATTLE.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, 827 George-street, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 17th, at half-past 3 o'clock,
20 Prime Paddock-fed Fat Cattle, on account H. Dunn, Merila
20 Prime Paddock-fed Fat Cattle, on account J. F. Gorus, Minto
10 Prime Paddock-fed Fat Cattle, on account H. L. Mackellar, Camden
20 Prime Paddock-fed Fat Cattle, on account various owners.

BUTCHERS. BUTCHERS. BUTCHERS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, 827 George-street, THIS DAY, Thursday, MARCH 17th, at HALF-PAST 2 O'CLOCK,
70 Prime Fat Calves, from Camden and Liverpool
60 Ditto ditto ditto, from Goulburn
20 Ditto ditto ditto, from Penrith
60 Ditto ditto Pigs, from Camden and Burragorang
80 Ditto ditto ditto, from Goulburn
35 Ditto ditto ditto, suburban lots
60 First-class Store Pigs.

PENRITH.
SATURDAY NEXT, MARCH 19th, AT 1 O'CLOCK,
at the
RED COW INN SALEYARDS,
OPPOSITE THE RAILWAY STATION, PENRITH.
50 VERY SUPERIOR COWS and HEIFERS,
Close to Calving.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. G. W. COTGRAVE to sell by auction as above,
50 First-class Springers, all close to calving, PRINCIPALLY HALF-BRED JERSEYS. A good lot.
*** THE ABOVE ARE IN ADDITION TO THE 18 HEAD PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED, MAKING THE NUMBER 68 HEAD, SO THAT BUYERS WILL HAVE A SPLENDID LOT TO CHOOSE FROM.

RACING MARE and PONIES.
SATURDAY, 19th MARCH, at 3.
A. D. GIBBONS will sell by public auction, at Mortgagee's residence, Mr. A. Follygar, Wentworthville, THE TOILER (late Fawn II.), bay mare, 6 years; also, two well-bred Ponies.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY, Ltd., will sell THIS DAY, at their Circular Quay Stores,
Hair, Horns, Bones, &c.

PRODUCE SALES.

SYDNEY WOOL-SELLING BROKERS' ASSOCIATION.
SALES by AUCTION will be held TO-DAY, Thursday, as under:—
HAIR, HORNS, and BONES.—At the various Stores, at 9.30 a.m.

VERY IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE.
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 11 a.m.
VALUABLE AND SUBSTANTIAL MODERN ART FURNITURE and APPOINTMENTS.
From various Residences in the suburbs, including the late Mrs. Vallack's, Wentworth-road, Burwood.
Now arranged for Auction Sale in the well-known BURWOOD SALEROOMS.
VERY FINE SOLID WALNUT BEDROOM SUITE
SOLID WALNUT DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, Tapestry
THREE MAGNIFICENT SIDEBOARDS, TELESCOPE TABLES
Superior and very Artistic Appointments of 3 Drawing Rooms
Very Elegant Boudoir Suite of Settee and 2 Easy Chairs
Superb Walnut Pier Glasses and Fancy Furnishings
Valuable Collection Cutlery and Electroplated Ware
Art China Services, Beautiful Bordered Carpets
Magnificent Brass-mounted Bedsteads
Best Bedding in Horsehair, Kapok, &c.
Several Bookcases, various sizes
Splendid Cottage Pianoforte
Very Handsome Wardrobes in Kauri and Cedar
CHARMING BEDROOM SUITE, with all bevelled mirrors
Luxurious Divan Chairs in Morocco
Superior Pianoforte by Ascherberg
Very Elegant Rattan and Bamboo Chairs and Settees
Splendid Hooded Perambulator
Singer Sewing Machine on Stand
VERY ELEGANT MILLINER'S HAT STAND
LARGE WHITEWOOD and GLASS DRESSERS
Large REFRIGERATOR, ICE CHEST, &c.
50ft. RUBBER HOSE and FITTINGS, Sprinkler, &c.
UNCLE SAM COOKING STOVE
AVERY SCALES, up to 5cwt.
CARPENTER'S BORING MACHINE
GARDEN SEATS, LAWN MOWER, by best makers
Large IRON ROLLER, BARROWS
LADDER
60-gallon BOILER
And any amount of things useful and ornamental.
VEHICLES FOR SALE at 2 p.m.
On account Mrs. Bullock,
HANDSOME HOODED BASKET PHAETON, with pole and shafts
First-class DOUBLE-SEATED BUGGY.
On account Mr. Josselyn,
GRAND SOCIABLE, good order, cost £70.
On account Mrs. Ross,
Very Elegant PHAETON BUGGY with Hood.
On account Sundry Owners,
GOOD SULKY, PAGNEL CART, VAN, HARNESS, SADDLE, Lot FANTAIL PIGEONS
POT PLANTS.
Intending Buyers should inspect To-day up to 9 p.m. and early To-morrow.
N.B.—Every owner intends to sell best bid.
Catalogues at our Rooms.
STRONGMAN and WATSON,
Auctioneers and Agents for Owners,
THE BURWOOD SALEROOMS.

THIS DAY, at 2.30.
MIDDLETON and CO. sell by auction, at Hay and George sts., Men's and Women's Clothing, Watches, Jewellery, Household Furn., Bedsteads, &c., without reserve.

Auction Sales.

HORSES! HORSES!! HORSES!!!
70 HEAD. 70
At
CAMPERDOWN YARDS,
THIS DAY, MARCH 17, at 2.30 p.m.

HILL, CLARK, and CO. are favoured with instructions to sell as above,
On account C. R. WILSON, Esq., Moree:
20 HEAD, consisting of DRAUGHTS, VAN, and 'BUS Sorts, with a few Superior LIGHT HORSES, in splendid condition, and described as a very superior lot of strong active Horses.
On account WM. WINTER, Esq., Inglewood, Moree:
10 HEAD HEAVY and ACTIVE DRAUGHTS and UPSTANDING LIGHT HORSES of a superior description, and in splendid condition.
On account of Mr. A. M'DONALD and Western Agents:
20 HEAD Useful HORSES, five of which are superior Heavy Draughts broken in, and the balance good Light Horses. Also a good pair of Ponies.
On account Mr. J. MAHONEY, Oberon:
20 HEAD, being the balance of his Horses not yarded at yesterday's sale, and comprising medium draughts, 'bus and cab sorts.

THE ATTENTION OF INDIAN SHIPPERS, CARRIERS, FARMERS, and DEALERS GENERALLY is directed to this large and important sale. The yardings will comprise a number of useful Draught Horses, and most of the light horses are described as particularly good. The number advertised may be relied on.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S SHOW.
APRIL 8th to 12th.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions from the Secretary to sell by auction on the Show Ground, on THURSDAY AFTERNOON Next, 24th instant, at 3 o'clock,
The Right to the PUBLICANS' BOOTHS, REFRESHMENT STALLS, TEA ROOMS, &c., &c., as under—
1. Refreshment Room, large, next caretaker's cottage.
2. Bar and 1s 6d Luncheon Room, next dog shed.
3. Bar and 2s 6d Luncheon Room, adjoining poultry shed; double the accommodation of last year.
4. Refreshment Room, next main pavilion.
5. Bar and Ladies' Room, at end of old grand stand.
6. Bar, between stallion pavilion and machinery section; enlarged to double the capacity of last year.
7. Refreshment Bar in same place, also with increased accommodation.
8. Oyster Booth, adjoining No. 7.
9. Bar on reserve.
10. Refreshment Room on lawn reserve; has more than double seating room of last year.
11. Refreshment Room on eastern side of ring (late wine kiosk).
12. Refreshment Bar (tea, temperance drinks, &c.), under official stand.

50 HORSES. HORSES. 50
CAMPERDOWN SALEYARDS.
FRIDAY, 1st APRIL, at 2.30.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY, Limited, under instructions from Messrs. TINSDALE, HEARNE, and others, 50 HORSES.
Full particulars later.

HORSES, HORSES.
JOSEPH LEEDS and CO. will sell by auction, at the Camperdown Yards, WEDNESDAY, 30th March, 10 hd. Horses, account E. J. Lowe, Esq., Birriwa.

CRAIG END, OAKS.
IMPORTANT CLEARING-OUT SALE
of
CATTLE, VEHICLES, FARMING IMPLEMENTS, SEPARATOR PLANT, &c.

R. H. INGLIS has received instructions from Mr. A. JAMES to sell, at his residence, Craig End, Oaks, on
SATURDAY, MARCH 19, at 1 p.m.,
26 First-class Cows and Heifers in full milk
60 good Forward and Backward Springing Heifers and young Cows
12 Calves
3 Jersey Bulls
Dogcart, Waggonette, Dray, Sulky Harness, Plough, Harrows, Planet Jun., almost new, Chaffcutter, Separator Plant, Steam Boiler Engine, 100-gallon Separator, largest size Milk-cooler, 3 400 Tanks, 1200ft. of Water Piping, 32 Feed Boxes, 12 New Milkcans, large 200-gallon Copper, Windmill Pump, Blacksmith's Forge.

The Auctioneer would draw special attention to this sale, as Mr. James has spared no expense in procuring a good lot of cattle, and the farming implements, &c., have only been in use a short time. Mr. James is leaving the district, and has determined to sell everything.

LUNCHEON PROVIDED.

VEHICLES will meet intending purchasers at Picton by train leaving Sydney 9.30 a.m.

WEEKLY STOCK SALE.
ELLIS and CO. sell by auction, at their Sydney Stock Saleyards, at the rear of 791 George-street South, entrance Valentine-lane, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock,
Milch Cows and Springers.
At half-past 2 o'clock,
Fat Vealers, Porkers, Baconers, Store Pigs, Dry and Fat Cattle
40 Prime Fat Vealers, ex rail
70 Prime Corn-fed Baconers, from Singleton
30 Prime Corn-fed Porkers, from Singleton
60 Prime Corn-fed Porkers, from Camden
60 Superior Store Pigs, ex rail.

MARRICKVILLE.
THIS DAY,
THURSDAY, 17th MARCH,
at 11 o'clock a.m.
IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION
at
COLLINGWOOD,
MARRICKVILLE-ROAD, MARRICKVILLE.
Under instructions from
Mrs. JAMES FOWELL,
in consequence of relinquishing housekeeping.
The Whole of the
SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
including
GLASS, CHINA, and ELECTROPLATE,
AMERICAN WALNUT SIDEBOARD, with Enclosed Cupboards, Cellarette, and Drawers,
WALNUT DINING-ROOM SUITE, comprising Couch, Lady's and Gentleman's Easy Chairs, and six Dining Chairs upholstered in Maroon Morocco Leather,
ELEGANT BLACK-AND-GOLD OVERMANTELS,
BEST QUALITY BRUSSELS CARPETS,
ROSEWOOD DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, upholstered in Genoa Velvet and Plush,
WALNUT DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, upholstered in Figured Silk Damask and Plush.
SUPERIOR BEDROOM FURNITURE,
including
BLACK and ALL-BRASS BEDSTEADS and Bedding,
MAHOGANY BEDROOM FURNITURE.
Also,
KITCHEN and LAUNDRY EFFECTS,
&c., &c.

JAMES R. LAWSON (LAWSON and SMITH) has been favoured with instructions from Mrs. JAMES FOWELL to conduct the important sale by auction, at her residence, as above,
THIS DAY,
THURSDAY, 17th MARCH, at 11 O'CLOCK A.M.
, ON VIEW PRIOR TO SALE.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.
DULWICH HILL.
MONDAY, 28th MARCH, at 11 a.m.
IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION.
At
MALVERN,
PILE-STREET, DULWICH HILL.
Under instructions from
Mrs. C. A. HARPER-CREWE,
in consequence of her
projected departure for Europe.
The whole of her Superior
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and APPOINTMENTS.
, Fuller particulars on later dates.

JAMES R. LAWSON (LAWSON and SMITH) has been favoured with instructions from Mrs. C. A. HARPER-CREWE to conduct the Important Sale by Auction at her residence, as above, on
MONDAY, 28th MARCH, at 11 a.m.
, CATALOGUES in course of preparation.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY,
MARCH 18th, AT 11 A.M.,
at
LAWSON and SMITH'S
AUCTION ROOMS, 128 and 130 PITT-STREET
(near King-street).
IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION.
WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.
SUPERIOR FURNITURE and EFFECTS,
Removed to the Rooms for convenience of Sale,
including
HANDSOME DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE.
DINING-ROOM FURNITURE.
MASSIVE WALNUT SIDEBOARD, with Plateglass Back and Side Cupboards, lower part fitted with Drawers, Cupboards, and Wine Cellarette.
EXTENSION DINING TABLES.
VALUABLE RONISCH PIANOFORTE, in Walnut Case.
BEDROOM FURNITURE.
BLACK and BRASS BEDSTEADS and BEDDING, double and single, with best Bedding complete.
LARGE CEDAR WARDROBE.
THREE-QUARTER SIZED BILLIARD TABLE, and all APPURTENANCES, complete.
BRUSSELS CARPETS,
&c., &c., &c.

JAMES R. LAWSON (LAWSON and SMITH) has been favoured with instructions to conduct the important sale by auction, as above,
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY,
MARCH 18th, AT 11 A.M.
ON VIEW PRIOR TO SALE.

AUCTION SALE of
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS
ON FRIDAY MORNING NEXT, March 18, at 10.30,
on the Premises,
Medlow, Annandale-street, Annandale, near Rozelle Bay.
GEORGE CLUBB, Auctioneer, 58" Darling-street, Balmain, has been instructed by the Owner (Mr. Moss), who is relinquishing housekeeping, to sell as above, Household Furniture and Effects, comprising Plush Suite, Bedsteads, Bedding, Chests of Drawers, Overmantels, Tables, Mirrors, Carpet, Clock, Chairs, Linoleum, Crockery, Glassware, &c., &c., &c. Terms, Cash. No Reserve.

To Tobacco Manufacturers, Hydraulic and Other Engineers, and the Trade. ABSOLUTE CLEARANCE SALE.
R. G. WATKINS and CO., Machinery Auctioneers, 107 Kent-street, are instructed by the Liquidators of the Eagle Tobacco Company, Limited, to sell by Auction, at the Eagle Tobacco Factory, 227 Clarence-street, Sydney, on FRIDAY, 18th March, 1898, at 11 o'clock a.m., WITHOUT RESERVE, Cigarette Machines, with comber, also All Patent Rights for N.S.W.; Cigarette Papers, Boxes, &c.; Hydraulic and Screw Tobacco Presses, Retainers, Pots, Gauges and Sinkers, Steam Pumps, Woodworking Machinery, Office Furniture, Fixtures, &c.

THIS DAY,
THURSDAY, 17th MARCH, at 11 A.M.
AT THE MART, 199 PITT-STREET.
BOOTS and SHOES.
EXTENSIVE UNRESERVED SALE OF INDENTS
of
ENGLISH, COLONIAL, and AMERICAN BOOTS,
in
EVERY CLASS and VARIETY of MAKES,
including
Ladies' Glove-Kid Bals. and Oxford Shoes, Gents.'s French Calf Bals. and Oxfords; Girls' Glove-Kid Bals., Oxfords, and 2 Straps; Girls' and Children's Enamelled Seal Straps, all sizes; Boys' and Youths' E.S. and Bals., in Tweed and Calf.
CHILDREN'S BOOTS and SHOES, new lines.
COLONIAL FACTORY MAKES, numerous lines.

TO-MORROW.
FRIDAY, 18th MARCH, at 11 a.m.
HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE AND OPEN UNRESERVED DISPLAYED SALE BY AUCTION
of
INDIAN MORADAB and BENARES WARES, ORNAMENTS, &c.
comprising
Highly Embossed Wall Brackets, Engraved Candle Stands, Vases, Bowls, Lamps, Pair Vases, Fluted and Embossed Flower Pots, Ash Trays, Tea Trays, Surais, Scent Bottles, Decanters, Serviette Rings.
SUPERIOR BAMBOO WARE, &c.,
comprising
Fancy Tea Tables, Whatnots, Music Stands, Chairs, Brackets, Easels, Cabinets, Screens, Flower Stands, Fire Screens, &c., &c.
Tokonabi Jardinieres, Ottoman Stools, Hand-painted Fans, View and Photo Albums, &c.
INVOICE OF ELECTROPLATED WARE—Tea Sets, Butters, Entree Dishes, Cruets, Sugars, Creams, Clarets, Waiters, Trays, Spoons, Forks, &c.
CATALOGUES of SALES obtainable at the Rooms, or Posted on Application.
HENRY HARRIS and COMPANY
(Late HARRIS and ACKMAN),
Auctioneers and Valuators,
199 Pitt-street.

ASHFIELD.
THIS DAY,
THURSDAY, 17th MARCH, at 11 a.m.
IMPORTANT AND TOTALLY UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION,
at
HILLCOTE,
QUEEN-STREET, ASHFIELD.
Under instructions from
C. G. HATTE, Esq.,
in consequence of his projected departure for Europe.
The whole of his
VERY VALUABLE FURNITURE
and
SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS,
HANDSOME DINING-ROOM FURNITURE,
ELEGANT DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE.
VALUABLE WALNUT PIANOFORTE,
by Steinmann, Leipzig.
, A brilliant toned instrument, in splendid order.
LARGE HOTHOUSE with heating apparatus, WELL-BUILT FERNERY, and 600 CHOICE POT PLANTS.
HORSES and VEHICLES, &c.,
to be offered at 1 o'clock prompt,
including
WELL-BUILT SINGLE-SEATED BUGGY and GREY MARE
SUPERIOR THREE-SPRING SULKY and BAY MARE
TUB CART and PONY, 12 HANDS
VERY SUPERIOR ENGLISH-BUILT PHAETON, fitted with Pole and Shafts and Extended Hood (in good order)
TWO SETS SINGLE HARNESS, &c., &c.
And
ABOUT 400 HEAD of POULTRY.
TWO JERSEY COWS IN FULL MILK,
&c., &c.

HENRY HARRIS and COMPANY (late HARRIS and ACKMAN) have been favoured with instructions from C. G. HATTE, Esq., to conduct the above important sale by auction at "HILLCOTE," QUEEN-STREET, ASHFIELD, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.

To the General Ironmongery Trade, Dealers, and Others.
FOR SALE BY AUCTION.
AT THE ROOMS, 12 BARRACK-STREET.
THIS DAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 17,
at 11 o'clock sharp.
Ex Sonneberg.
SELECTED SHIPMENT
of
BREECH-LOADING GUNS and SALOON RIFLES, &c., from the manufacturers, L. Ancion and Co.
Also,
3 cases Enamelled Holloware, assorted
150 dozen Moseley's Table and Dessert Cutlery
1 case E.P. Spoons and Forks, in Tables, Dessert, and Teas
1 case Fancy Carvers in Cases, 2, 3, and 5 pieces
3 cases Unbreakable Combs, 8in.
1 hogshead Fancy China Cups and Saucers.
Also,
LARGE ASSORTMENT AMERICAN E.P. WARE
and
1 case BUGGY and CARRIAGE LAMPS.

A. TRAVERSI and CO. will sell the above at their Rooms, 12 Barrack-street, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, March 17, at 11 o'clock sharp.

AT THE EXCHANGE SALEROOM,
The Exchange, Bridge-street,
THIS DAY,
THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1898,
AT NOON.
Under instructions from
MESSRS. GIBBS, BRIGHT, and CO.,
MESSRS. GOLLIN and CO.,
and
OTHER IMPORTERS.
434 PACKAGES CEYLON TEA.
840 DITTO PANYONG CONGOU.
100 DITTO KOO LOO.
All New Season's (1897 and '98),
ex Recent Arrivals,
embracing an Excellent Assortment of useful to "Fine" Ceylons and "Panyongs."
H. W. CAREY and CO.,
Tea Brokers, &c.
18 Bridge-street, Sydney.
Samples "on Show" and Catalogues at the Brokers' Offices.

THIS DAY, MARCH 17th, at 11 a.m.
UNREDEEMED PLEDGES.
A. G. JENKINS will sell, at his Rooms, 274 Pitt-street, the Unredeemed Pledges pawned with Mr. W. B. M'Farlane, at his office, Riley-street, Surry Hills, consisting of
Men's and Women's Wearing Apparel, Boots, Blankets, Bed Linen, &c.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18th, at 11 a.m.
At the Central Auction Rooms, 274 Pitt-street.
Under Instructions from the Curator of Intestate Estates.
In the Estates of C. J. Lindal, Dr. Max, Jas. Reilly, W. J. Letherington, Chas. F. Lay, Mary A. Gardiner, Major John Dane, Alexr. Gilruth, — Howells, and Mrs. Wanda Wiley, all deceased.
A. G. JENKINS has been instructed to sell TO-MORROW,
A Large Quantity of PERSONAL EFFECTS.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 7.30 o'clock.
AT 41 BROADWAY, GLEBE.
J. BROWN and CO. will sell by auction, on account of Mrs. Want,
PIANO, DINING, DRAWING, and BEDROOM SUITES, LINOLEUM, OILCLOTH, CARPETS
OVERMANTELS, BRASS-MTD. BEDSTEADS, and BEDDING
No. 9 Improved WHEELER and WILSON HAND MACHINE
COMBINATIONS, Handsome BAMBOO and RATTAN SUITES, HALLSTANDS, WHATNOTS, &c., Tables, Chairs, Couches, Clocks
Dresser, large Showcase for centre shop, Wardrobes
Office Tables, Rocker, Mangle, Cutlery, Cruets
Biscuit Barrels and other plate, and most requisites for furnishing. Owner leaving Sydney.

THIS DAY, at 10.30 o'clock.
JOHN P. LISTER has received instructions from the New South Wales Mont de Piete Deposit and Investment Company, Limited, to sell by auction, on their Premises, 74 Castlereagh-street, The Balance of UNREDEEMED JEWELLERY, comprising
Gold and Silver Lever and Waltham Watches
Diamond, Signet, Wedding, and Keeper Rings
Gold Alberts, Necklets, Links, Trinkets
Diamond Brooches, Earrings, Lockets
Studs, Pins, Bangles, &c.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, at 11 o'clock.
TALCA, EDGECLIFFE-ROAD, WOOLLAHRA,
between Ease and Vernon streets.
Specially Attractive and Highly Important
UNRESERVED SALE of a splendid collection of
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, PIANO, and EFFECTS.
Under instructions from Mrs. R. Herman,
in consequence of her departure for America,
comprising
Piano by E. Belling, handsome walnut case, iron frame, cost 50 guineas, Piano Stool, Sideboard, P.G. back, 3 panels inlaid. Music Stand, Table, Walnut Overmantel, 8 panels, Fancy Rattan Chairs, Silk Cushions, Settee to match, Ornaments, Steel Engravings, Music, Plaques, Jardinieres, Pierglass, Book Shelf, Carpet (beautiful pattern), Hearth Rugs, Tambour Lace Curtains, Fancy Sundries, Dining Table (heavy turned legs), Austrian Bent Suite, 9 pieces (superior), first-class Cutlery, Platedware, Glassware, Dinner, Tea, and Breakfast Sets, A1 Marble Clock and bronze Figure, Rockers, A.B. Chairs, Mahogany Hall Stand and Chairs, Linos. and Oilcloths (nearly new), bedroom Suites, P.G. Wardrobes, Marble Slab Washstands, Dressing Tables, Combinations, Toilet Tables, Looking-glasses, Toilet Sets, Washstands and Ware, Chests Drawers, Box Couch, Curtains and Poles, Wool Mats, Double, Half-tester, Three-quarter, and Single Brass-mounted Bedsteads, Wire and Kapok Mattresses, Blankets, Sheets, Counterpanes, Towels, Pillow Cases, Linen and Tapestry Table Covers, Serviettes, General Bedroom Requisites, Kitchen Dresser, Table, Safe, Tinware, Crockery, all Culinary Utensils in enamel ware, lot of useful Sundries.

LEWIS PHILLIPS, Auctioneer, has been favoured with instructions to conduct this important sale, FRIDAY, MARCH 18, at 11 o'clock.
Terms, Cash. Absolutely Without Reserve.
Auctioneer's Office:
243 Pitt-street, City-chambers.

FRIDAY, 18th MARCH,
at 11 a.m.
At BROOK and CO.'S MART,
148 ELIZABETH-STREET,
near Liverpool-street.
UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION
of
SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,
including
Five 3ft. 6in. Black and Brass Half-tester Bedsteads, Wire Mattresses and Bedding.
☞ Full Particulars in To-morrow's Issue.

H. W. BROOK and CO.
have received positive instructions
TO SELL TO-MORROW, at 11 a.m.

WE'RE HUMMING WITH BUSINESS!

But we enjoy the hum and the work. It's what we're here for. We always give you a
"SQUARE DEAL FOR A ROUND DOLLAR."

Everything retailed at the lowest bed rock prices. We guarantee the quality. Ours is a store where confidence dwells and reigns supreme. No two prices—no taking the price off one line to put it on another; but we buy in the best markets direct from the manufacturers, and our customers are given the benefit of SPOT CASH purchases.
To our numerous patrons ours is

A VERITABLE SAVINGS BANK,

Thousands of pounds being saved in the year by placing their orders with us.
Who revolutionised the prices of all Drugs? Who revolutionised the prices of all Patent Medicines!
Who instituted the inestimable boon to the public in supplying all wholesome, healthy drinks from the Crystal Fountain at half the prices hitherto charged?
Who introduced the celebrated SOYER'S BAKING POWDER (at 6d per tin), which is acknowledged superior to all others, and the piquant AUSTRALIAN RELISH?—Why the

REFORM DRUGGISTS: WASHINGTON H. SOUL AND CO.

OUR KNOWLEDGE
OF DISPENSING is comprehensive and complete. We've studied it in all its branches, and make it a specialty. OUR PRESCRIPTIONS ARE CAREFULLY AND COMPETENTLY PREPARED, and the PUREST DRUGS only used.

☞ LADIES PLEASE NOTE OUR LADIES' DEPARTMENT.
Is luxuriantly fitted up, and a competent TRAINED NURSE is in attendance daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

GREAT DRUG EMPORIUMS, PITT-STREET.
THE LARGEST, most varied Stock of Patent Medicines, Chemists' and Druggists' Materials, and Surgical Appliances in the Southern Hemisphere. Nothing but the best quality of goods kept. Prices are the LOWEST in the city.

A FEW OF OUR PROPRIETARY ARTICLES:—
A. Soyer's Celebrated Baking or Yeast Powder, 6d per tin
Soul's Kola Nut Tonic, 1s 3d per bottle, contains the Pure Kola
Soul's Australian Relish, 6d per bottle
Coca Tonic Wine, 3s per bottle
Spartan Tonic, 1s 6d and 4s per bottle. A speedy Cure for all Liver Complaints
Dr. Pettifer's Re-carbonated Fluid Magnesia, 9d and 1s 6d per bottle
Yaala, the latest discovery for Dyspepsia. Price, 2s per bottle.

WASHINGTON H. SOUL AND CO.,
160 and 268 PITT-ST., SYDNEY, and at CHURCH-ST., PARRAMATTA.

PARK'S INDIGESTION CURE.
THE MEDICINE OF THE DAY.
IT INCREASES THE GASTRIC JUICE, PROMOTING DIGESTION AND ASSIMILATION, A LIVER STIMULANT, AND A GRAND TONIC.
PARK'S PHARMACY,
156 PITT-STREET, SYDNEY,
DIRECTLY OPPOSITE THE STRAND.

Auction Sales.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.
TO GENTRY FURNISHING, FURNITURE BROKERS, AND OTHERS.
GRAND UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION,
on the
PREMISES, 65 ORMOND-STREET, PADDINGTON,
THIS DAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 17,
at 11 a.m.
ELEGANT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS.
Under favoured instructions from S. FRANCIS, Esq.
Including
OCCASIONAL DRAWING-ROOM SUITE of five pieces, in best quality Bamboo
BEAUTIFUL INLAID ROSEWOOD OVERMANTEL
BEST five-framed BRUSSELS CARPET SQUARE
WALNUT CARD TABLE, WALNUT WHATNOT
Fine Collection of WATER-COLOURS and CHINA ORNAMENTS
BAMBOO HALL STAND, Mirror-plate back.
ELEGANT DESIGNED 4ft. SIDEBOARD, fitted with bevelled mirror-plate glass back, superior finish.
AUSTRIAN DINING-ROOM SUITE of 9 pieces
Solid DINING-TABLE and Tap. Cover
MAGNIFICENT WALNUT OVERMANTEL, fine finish
Large Size Square of Linoleum, A1 quality
ELECTROPLATE and GLASSWARE, CHINA, &c.
SUPERB and MASSIVE BEDROOM SUITE of 5 pieces, 6ft. 3in. Winged Wardrobe, pair Pedestal Toilets, Ped Cupboard and Towel Rail, fitted bevelled mirror-plates
This Suite recently cost 40 Guineas.
MAGNIFICENT 4ft. 6in. H. T. STATE BEDSTEAD, heavy brass head and foot rails, Wire Wove and Horsehair Mattresses.
SUPERIOR BEDROOM SUITE, 4 pieces, in Kauri Pine
BEACONSFIELD WARDROBE, pair 4ft. Toilets
COSTLY SETS of TOILETWARE
CARPET SQUARES and LINOLEUMS
3ft. 6in. H. T. BEDSTEAD, Wire and Kapok Mattresses.
KITCHEN and LAUNDRY UTENSILS, &c.

DALWOOD AND CO. have received instructions from S. FRANCIS, Esq., to conduct the above Important Sale,
ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE.
☞ THESE SUPERIOR FURNISHINGS have only been in use six months.

ESTATE of T. HOUSE, of Enmore, Butcher.
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 2.15.
On the Premises, Enmore, opp. Weeks White's.
By order of W. H. Palmer, Esq., Official Assignee.
Long Marble-top COUNTER
2 Sets Large Scales and Brass Weights
Marble Salt Board, Meat Blocks
Hooks and Gambles, Choppers, Steelyards
Gasaliers, Wenham Lamp, Incandescent Lamps
Iron Bars outside, Tickets, Grindstone
Sausage Machine and Table, Tubs
Salt Board, Salt Pump, Casks
2 Carts with tops, 2 Horses
3 Sets Harness.
C. F. W. LLOYD and CO. will Sell by Auction TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 2.15, the above.
Without Reserve. Terms, Cash.
Offices: 127 Philip-street.

ORDER OF SALE
THIS DAY, at the ROOMS, 250 Pitt-street,
at 11.30 a.m.
PETERSHAM, 52 Andreas-street.—An admirable Brick COTTAGE, 4 rooms, kitchen, washhouse, bathroom, slate roof, city water and gas, Torrens, easy terms can be arranged.
BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.
HURSTVILLE.—A lovely suburban PROPERTY, 15 acres 3 roods 25 perches, having frontages to Croydon and Broadarrow roads, good soil, part orchard, erected thereon a Brick and W.B. Cottage, 4 rooms and kitchen, various outhouses, &c.
F. C. V. BROUGHTON, Auctioneer.

ORDER OF SALE.
FIXED DEPOSITS,
CITY and SUBURBAN PROPERTIES,
to be
SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m.
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY.
FIXED DEPOSIT of £617 10s, Colonial Finance, M., I., and G. Co., Ltd., in lots.
CITY.—Two Shops and Dwellings, Nos. 549 and 551 George-street South, little north of Liverpool-street. Deceased estate.
DITTO.—Shop, No. 33 King-street, between Sussex and Kent streets. Deceased estate.
DITTO.—5 Houses, Nos. 516 to 520 Kent-street, between Bathurst and Liverpool streets. Deceased estate.
DITTO.—4 Houses, Nos. 2 to 5 Margaret-lane, off Chapman-street, between Oxford and William streets. Deceased estate.
DARLINGHURST.—Four Houses, Nos. 312 to 318 Victoria-street, south of William-street. Deceased estate.
SURRY HILLS.—Allotment, Bourke and Marshall streets, north of Phelps-street.
GLEBE.—Residence, DALSTON, No. 118 Glebe Point-road, between Mitchell-street and St. John's-road, leasehold. Deceased estate.
DITTO.—ROCHDALE COTTAGE, No. 22 Arundel-terrace, opposite University, leasehold.
DARLINGTON.—Two Cottages, Nos. 35 and 37 Rose-street, between Calder and Ivy streets.
MT. WILSON.—Residence, DENNARQUE, and 60 acres, known as the late property of E. C. Merewether, Esq.
ANNANDALE.—Water-frontage Block, Rozelle Bay, The Crescent and Gordon-street.
REDFERN.—Two Houses, Nos. 42 and 44 Baptist-street, between Cleveland and Boronia streets.
NEWTOWN.—Sir Wm. Wallace Hotel, No. 479, and Cottage, No. 500 King-street. Second mortgagee's sale.
ERSKINEVILLE.—Shop and Dwelling, Erskineville-road and Angel-street. Deceased estate.
NEWTOWN.—Five Houses, Nos. 91 to 99 Union-street. Mortgagee's sale.
DITTO.—Two Cottages, Nos. 153 and 155 Union-street. Mortgagee's sale.
MACDONALDTOWN.—Four Cottages, No. 1 Amy-street, and Nos. 7, 9, and 11 Macdonald-street. Mortgagee's sale.
WENTWORTH FALLS.—One acre, Lot 10, Sec. 10, Village of Brasfort, Wilson and Parkes streets. Deceased estate.
HALPIN SECRET GOLD MINES, Box Ridge, near Sofala. 15-acre lease, together with all machinery, &c., thereon.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

ARUNDEL-TERRACE.
Elevated position, opposite the UNIVERSITY, and only a short distance west of the CITY BOUNDARY.
ROCHDALE COTTAGE, No. 22 ARUNDEL-TERRACE, built of Brick, with verandahs front and rear, and containing half-hall, 5 rooms, kitchen, and outoffices.
The Land has 36ft. frontage to Arundel-terrace and 58ft. to Catherine-street, depth through 145ft. Title, Leasehold, 99 years from 4th August, 1856; ground rental, £20 10s per annum.
☞ The key of Cottage at No. 21 Arundel-terrace.
AUCTION SALE at the Rooms, Pitt-street.
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, 18th MARCH, at 11 o'clock.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

SIX HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN POUNDS TEN SHILLINGS FIXED DEPOSITS, Colonial Finance, Mortgage, Investment, and Guarantee Company, Limited, repayable in 9½ years, half-yearly, carrying 3 per cent. interest.
The Above in Lots.
AUCTION SALE FRIDAY, 18th March,
at 11.30 o'clock.
(3098) RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

By Order of the EXECUTORS of the Estate late Mr. J. DOBSON.
FLOOD-STREET, WAVERLEY,
off Bondi-road, at the Park.
CARDIGAN, a Detached Villa Residence, with Grounds, on the west side of FLOOD-STREET, one minute from tram line. It is of brick, cemented and painted, slate roof, bay windows, balcony front and rear, and containing hall, 7 rooms, kitchen, pantry, and washshed, bathroom in back balcony, weatherboard stable, buggy house, feed-room, and man's room. The LAND has 100ft. frontage, by a depth of 141ft. In 1 or 2 lots.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 25th March, at 11 o'clock.
The above Attractive, Desirable Home Property, key of which is obtainable at Auctioneers' Rooms.
TITLE, TORRENS ACT.
Messrs. URQUHART and STEEL are Solicitors of the Estate. (3075)

Auction Sales.

ORDER OF SALE
OF SUNDRY PROPERTIES
to be offered by public auction,
at the ROOMS, 110 Pitt-street, at half-past 11 o'clock,
THIS DAY, March 17th.

PADDINGTON (Mortgagee Sale).	Dwelling-house, No. 103 WINDSOR-STREET.
CHIPPENDALE.	CITY BLOCK of LAND, Wellington-street, with buildings thereon Nos. 19 and 25.
ROCKDALE.	Block of Land, Cameron-street. UPSET PRICE, £40.
WENTWORTHVILLE.	SEVEN ALLOTMENTS, FRONTING FIRST and SECOND AVENUES. UPSET PRICE, £70.
MINTO.	Allotment fronting Elizabeth-street. UPSET PRICE, £5.
PARRAMATTA (Mortgagee Sale).	LIFE INTEREST in Shop Property, WINDSOR-ROAD and ROSS-STREET; also Life Policies in A.M.P. SOC., MUTUAL LIFE OF AUS., and MUTUAL ASS. OF VIC.
PARRAMATTA (Mortgagee Sale).	LIFE INTEREST in 3 Cottages, ROSS-STREET; also land at rear fronting GROSE-STREET and Duck-lane, and Life Policies A.M.P. SOC. and MUT. LIFE OF AUS.

J. E. GREEN and CO.,
Auctioneers.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.
WINDSOR-ROAD and ROSS-STREET, PARRAMATTA.
All that Life Interest in and to SHOP PROPERTY, built of brick, at present occupied by Mr. R. Wilson as a grocery establishment, land having 49ft. 9in. frontage by depth of 100ft.
Also, Mortgagee's interest in and to the following policies:—Life Policy in Australian Mutual Provident Society, £250.
Life Policy in Mutual Life Assurance of Australia, £250.
Life Policy in Mutual Assurance Society of Victoria, £300.

J. E. GREEN and CO. have received instructions to sell by public auction, at their Rooms, 110 Pitt-street, at 11.30 o'clock THIS DAY, 17th MARCH,
The above-described investment.

FOR POSITIVE SALE, TO CLOSE A TRUST ACCOUNT.
ROCKDALE, WENTWORTHVILLE, and MINTO HEIGHTS.
Lot 1.—ROCKDALE. UPSET PRICE £40. BLOCK of LAND, 40ft. to CAMERON-STREET, near BAY-STREET, by a depth of 132ft., being Lot 54, Section 3, ROCKDALE ESTATE.
Lot 2.—WENTWORTHVILLE. UPSET PRICE £70. SEVEN Lots, Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 50, 51, and 52, fronting FIRST and SECOND AVENUES, each lot 66 x 165.
Lot 3.—MINTO HEIGHTS. UPSET PRICE £5. Land having 33ft. frontage to Elizabeth-street, 33ft. to a Government road by a depth of 240ft., being Lots 26 and 27.
TITLES, TORRENS.

J. E. GREEN and CO. have received instructions to sell by public auction, at their Rooms, 110 Pitt-street, at 11.30 o'clock, THIS DAY, 17th MARCH,
The above Lands.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.
ROSS, GROSE, AND VILLIERS STREETS, PARRAMATTA.
ALL that LIFE INTEREST in and to the following properties:—
COTTAGE, ROSS-STREET, containing 8 rooms and kitchen, let to Mr. Ferris.
COTTAGE, ROSS-STREET, containing 7 rooms, let to Mrs. Ferris.
COTTAGE, ROSS-STREET, 6 rooms, let to Mr. Guyett.
Also SHEDS at rear, fronting GROSE-STREET and Duck-lane.
Also Mortgagees' interest in and to the following policies:—
In Life Policy in the A.M.P. Society under Table J, £750.
In Life Policy in the Mutual Life Assurance of Australasia, £250.

J. E. GREEN and CO. have received instructions to sell by public auction, at their Rooms, 110 Pitt-street, at 11.30 o'clock THIS DAY, 17th MARCH,
The above-described investment.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.
PADDINGTON.—DWELLING-HOUSE, No. 103 WINDSOR-STREET, containing 4 rooms, balcony, kitchen, washhouse, and bathroom, let at 12s per week. Land 12ft. 5in. frontage by 105ft. deep to lane at rear.
CITY LAND.—CHIPPENDALE.—Nos. 19-25 WELLINGTON-STREET, LARGE BRICK and IRON SHED, portion being 2 stories high, lately occupied as coachbuilder's shop, land having 75ft. 6in. frontage to Wellington-street by a depth of 81ft.
Messrs. STREET and PATERSON, Bond-street, Solicitors for the Mortgagees.

J. E. GREEN and CO. have received instructions to sell by public auction, at their Rooms, 110 Pitt-street, at 11.30 o'clock THIS DAY, 17th MARCH, the above.

ORDER OF SALE.
SHARES and PROPERTIES to be submitted by PUBLIC AUCTION, THIS DAY, 17th MARCH, at 11.30, by
HUGH DUFF and CO.,
at their SALE ROOMS,
109 PITT-STREET.
2 CIVIL SERVICE CO-OPERATIVE SHARES.

NEWTOWN. For Positive Sale.	7 and 9 NEWMAN-STREET.—Two HOUSES, containing 5 and 7 rooms respectively, kitchen, bathroom, pantry, lobby, laundry, fuel-shed, balcony and verandah. ANNUAL RENT, £96 4s.
DULWICH HILL. Tram Terminus.	MARRICKVILLE - ROAD.—BRICK SHOP and DWELLING, 3 rooms and offices, LAND 20 x 168 ft., width 80ft. at rear.
PADDINGTON. 14 WENTWORTH-ST.	AT REAR OF COURTHOUSE. BRICK HOUSE, 7 rooms, kitchen, pantry, bathroom, washhouse, &c., large workshop, LAND 72 x 105.

HUGH DUFF and CO., Auctioneers,
109 Pitt-street.

TURRAMURRA,
mountain elevation and climate, within half an hour's run by a frequent service from the city.
BOYD'S ORCHARD,
subdivided by Messrs. Licensed Surveyors Aitcheson and Schleicher into
BLOCKS
and
ALLOTMENTS,
ranging in area from 8 acres to one-third of an acre.
77 SEVENTY-SEVEN 77
in number.
FOR ABSOLUTE CLEARANCE SALE
by
PUBLIC AUCTION
ON THE GROUND
on
NEXT SATURDAY, 19th MARCH, at 3 p.m. prompt.
By order of the Directors of the Port Jackson Land Company, Limited.

BATT, RODD, and PURVES, Limited, will sell as above.
Lithos on application.
TERMS: 20 per cent. deposit, balance in cash within six months without interest, or in six equal half-yearly instalments, bearing interest at rate of 5 per cent. per annum.
SPECIAL TRAIN from Milson's Point on day of sale at 1.45 p.m., calling at St. Leonards and Chatswood.
Free Tickets (to be exchanged at the railway stations) obtainable on application to the Auctioneers.

NOTE.—The arrangements of the traffic authorities necessitating return from Turramurra at 4.28, THE SALE will commence as announced PROMPTLY AT 3 O'CLOCK.

F. B. WILKINSON, Esq., Solicitor, 18 Castlereagh-street, is the Vendors' Solicitor.
BATT, RODD, and PURVES, Limited.

TURRAMURRA.—Free Tickets for SPECIAL TRAIN leaving Milson's Point at 1.45 p.m. obtainable from the Auctioneers for BOYD'S ORCHARD (77 Blocks and Allotments) LAND SALE SATURDAY NEXT, 19th March, at 3 p.m. sharp.
BATT, RODD, and PURVES, Ltd.

LAW REPORT.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16.

BANCO COURT.

(Before the Chief Justice and a special jury of 12.)

THE QUESTION OF WATER RIGHTS.

Blackwood v. M'Caughey (part heard).

Sir Julian Salomons, Q.C., Mr. C. B. Stephen, and Mr. G. H. Pike, instructed by Messrs. Bradley and Son, appeared for the plaintiff; and the Attorney-General (Mr. J. H. Want, Q.C.), Mr. Pring, and Mr. Garland, instructed by Messrs. Macnamara and Smith, for the defendant. This was an action brought by John Hutchinson Blackwood, of Booabula station, in the Murrumbidgee district, against David M'Caughey, of Coree station, in the same locality, to recover compensation for loss and damage sustained by him in his business, owing, as the plaintiff alleged, to the defendant having, by the improper construction of dams, one on the Yanko Creek and the other on the Billabong, prevented the natural flow of the streams mentioned, and deprived the plaintiff of the use of the water. One portion of the claim referred to a period before November 1, 1896, when the Water Rights Act became law, and the other was with reference to injury complained of by reason of defendant depriving him of his rights under the Act. Damages were laid at £10,000.

The defendant paid 40s into court as sufficient to meet the matters complained of as to the dam in the Billabong Creek, and he also pleaded leave and license and that plaintiff was not entitled to the flow of the streams and watercourses to and through his land. He also pleaded that the dams, &c., were works constructed within the meaning of the Water Rights Act, and were used solely in respect of the right sanctioned by section 2 of the Act.

Robert William Franks, who was the first witness called on behalf of the plaintiff, stated that he was manager of Booabula station, and had been so for nearly 25 years. The owner of the station was at present in London, where he resided. There were 94,000 acres in Booabula, of which 63,000 acres were freehold. He believed that Coree, the defendant's station, was more than double the area of Booabula. Taking the whole of the year 1896 and the beginning of that year, there were about 33,000 sheep on Booabula, and about 100 head of cattle and 40 or 50 horses. A portion of the sheep were stud rams and ewes. The Billabong flowed from east to west, along the southern boundary of Booabula run, and afterwards went into the Edwards River. Booabula by road was about 60 miles from the Edwards River. He knew the Coree Five-mile Dam, on the Billabong, about 30 miles from the south-east corner of Booabula, and about three times as far by the river. There were seven paddocks at Booabula. There were six sheep paddocks and one horse paddock going to the river. In December, 1883, the Billabong was practically dry, and at that time he heard something about the Five-mile Dam at Coree. A day or two after Christmas of 1883 he went to Coree with Mr. Officer, owner of Zara station, and Mr. Dickson, part proprietor of a station a little further down the creek than Booabula, and found a very large dam going completely across the Billabong. It was called the Five-mile Dam. The width of the Billabong there was about 30 or 40 yards, and the dam was about 16 or 18 feet above the bed of the creek, or about 6ft. above the natural bank of the Billabong. The dam had levee banks or wings on the south side about 300yd. in length, and 2ft. or 3ft. above the natural bank. The dam backed the water up the Billabong, and some distance above the dam it caused the water to overflow the bank on the northern side. It flooded a large area on the northern side. There had been an artificially made channel cut from the water backed out of the reservoir on or near the Yanko Creek on Coree station. He then saw the defendant David M'Caughey, and Mr. Ochiltree, the solicitor who accompanied the party to the dam, requested him to cut the dam and let the water go. Mr. M'Caughey refused. Next day witness went with Mr. Officer and Mr. Dickson and some men from Hartwood station and cut the Five-mile Dam and another one lower down. They were both very large dams and were about two or three miles apart. The defendant came there while they were cutting the Five-mile and Two-mile Dams, and he promised not to rebuild them. In 1885 there was a great scarcity of water, and from something he heard he went to Coree again with Messrs. Officer and Dickson, and found that the Five-mile Dam had been reconstructed up to the original height, and the effect was the same as before. The Two-mile Dam had not been reconstructed. He cut the Five-mile Dam again. While they were there doing so Mr. David M'Caughey came upon the scene. That was in October, 1885, and shortly afterwards proceedings were threatened which resulted, in March, 1886, in the agreement and an injunction. About a week after the dam was cut the water ran on to Booabula, and it ran for four or five days. He had never seen the Eighteen-mile Dam on the Yanko, and at the time the injunction was granted he did not know of the existence of such a dam. The Billabong ran for four or five days in 1885 in front of Booabula, and then stopped. On October 30, 1896, he went to Coree with the two Mr. Raleighs. One was the manager of Hartwood, and the other was the overseer. He also took one or two men from Hartwood, and Mr. Austen, Mr. Officer, and Mr. Smith were also present. They found that the Five-mile Dam had been built up 6ft. above the surrounding country, and quite as high as it originally was, if not higher. At that time the water at Booabula had stopped, all but a mere trickle. He should say that there were from 12ft. to 14ft. of water in the dam, which was 30 or 40 yards wide, and there were raised wings extending about 300 yards on the south bank, which stopped the water absolutely. It was not an overshot dam. The dam was just finished, and there was a lot of new earth on it. He did not know when it was commenced to be raised. They cut the dam down to the water's edge, or a little below, and the water started to run. Mr. M'Caughey came up with a number of men just as the water commenced to run through the cuttings, and they commenced to shovel the earth back again to stop up the cuttings. Mr. Officer told Mr. M'Caughey that what he was doing was a serious thing and that he was aware that there was a Supreme Court injunction restraining him from building dams. Defendant, in reply, said that he did not care, he would not let the water go. Mr. Officer said to the defendant that he must remember that it had cost him £6500 before, and it would probably cost him more than that if he did not let the water go. He replied that he did not care; he could afford it. Mr. Officer then said it might lead to him being put in Darlinghurst, and M'Caughey replied that it would be no disgrace if he was. After some further conversation with Mr. Officer the defendant ordered his men to open the dam and let the water go. He (witness) stopped there with his party until there was such a rush of water that it would have been impossible for any number of men to stop it. In about a week the water got to Booabula and ran for about 10 days. That would bring it to November, 1896, and about October, 1897, the water came down to Booabula again. Owing to the absence of water from the Billabong—apart from drought—the frontage paddocks became useless when the holes dried up. About the end of February, 1897, he shifted about 2700 sheep from No. 1 paddock to a back paddock, where there was a well. There were about 3000 sheep already there, and the paddock consisted of 8000 to 9000 acres. When the 2700 sheep were taken there it was overstocked, and the result was a very serious diminution in the percentage of lambs. It also caused deterioration in the quality of the wool, because in consequence of the ewes falling away in condition there was what was termed a break in the staple, rendering the wool less valuable. There was also a decrease in the quantity of wool per sheep. Then, in consequence of this paddock being overstocked, the water in the tanks was exhausted sooner than it otherwise would have been. He estimated that there was a loss on 2700 sheep of 2s per head. In No. 2 paddock he lost 60 ewes entirely, and they were worth £5 5s each. They got bogged owing to the holes in the Billabong getting so low that the sheep had to go through heavy mud. There was also a deterioration of 10s per head on 1100 stud ewes. In No. 3 paddock there were from 600 to 700 stud lambs, and he lost about 300 valued at £2 2s per head. No. 4 paddock usually carried from 3000 to 4000 sheep, and he estimated the percentage of loss in lambs at 45. In ordinary seasons he expected 75 per cent. of lambs. From September, 1896, to June, 1897, he estimated that there was a loss of £2700, owing to the effect of these dams. He lost about 5000 lambs, and in the estimated damages he was speaking of the losses in the frontage paddocks caused through the want of water in the Billabong alone. The 3000 sheep that were injured through drought were not included in the claim at all.

In cross-examination by the Attorney-General, witness stated that Mr. Raleigh was at Coree for many years, and had extensive knowledge of the run. He (witness) had admitted that overshot dams in a creek were a good thing, but earthwork dams were quite the contrary. He remembered swearing before the land board in 1897: "We had water on Booabula last year before we cut the dam. I could not say how long it was running through. I heard Mr. Mertz give evidence yesterday, and I will not say he was mistaken when he said that the water ran down to him, filled the dam on his station, and ran for two months past him. I think he very probably is right." What ran past Mr. Mertz's station ran past Booabula, but it did not run past Booabula for two months, though he would not swear to it positively. He cut the dam in such a way that all the water went out, and it filled all the waterholes at Booabula, and ran over them for 10 days. When he went up to the five-mile dam he did not notice any preparations for building an overshot dam. He saw an excavation, but it was in a branch of the Billabong away from the main bed. The year 1896-97 was one of the worst they had had for drought, and the losses in sheep were enormous, but Booabula did not lose many. He knew that not only was there a lighter clip, but the clip was bad owing to the broken condition of the wool. That was through want of sufficient grass. The lambing was about 43 per cent. in 1897.

William Rupert Raleigh, manager of Hartwood station, and formerly engaged at Coree, was examined by Mr. Stephen, and gave a history of the construction of dams at Coree while he was there, beginning at 1878. He became manager of Hartwood in 1886. The Billabong generally ran until December or the middle of January: but it stopped suddenly in October, 1896. From something he heard he sent his brother up to Coree, and received a report from him. Subsequently he received a letter from defendant stating that he had made a bywash to allow the water to flow on again, and that he was constructing an overshot dam. He went up and saw that the bywash was not capable of throwing the water down below, but had the effect of protecting the dam and preventing the water flowing over it. There were 14 or 15 feet of water in the five-mile dam, at the head, and it threw the water back about 11 miles, or within three miles of Jerilderie. The eighteen-mile dam on the Yanko was 80ft. or 90ft. across, about 40ft. wide, and the height from the bed of the creek was from 20ft. to 22ft. No water had passed the eighteen-mile dam since November, 1895. It was a tremendous sheet of water, and about 2000 acres of low-lying land were under water at different parts in consequence of the dam. The water was used for watering stock, and he saw no irrigation. He himself had seen the water thrown back in a straight line for nine miles, which would bring it to Yanko station. Witness also gave evidence as to what occurred when he went to the five-mile dam with the plaintiff.

At 4 o'clock the further hearing was adjourned to the following day.

No. 1 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Stephen and a jury of four.)

EJECTMENT ACTION.

A.J.S. Bank and others v. Owens (part heard).

Dr. Sly, instructed by Messrs. Fisher and Macansh, appeared for the plaintiffs; and Mr. W. A. Walker, instructed by Mr. G. F. R. Burcher, for the defendant. This was an action brought by the A.J.S. Bank and Solomon Richards and Louis Abrahams to recover from the defendant John Owens possession of 403 acres and 1209 acres respectively of conditionally purchased land in the land district of Narrandera.

The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiffs.

(Before Mr. Justice Cohen and a jury of four.)

ALLEGED DEFECTIVE DRAINS.

Langford v. Borough of Mosman.

Dr. Sly and Mr. Rolin, instructed by Messrs. Laurence and M'Lachlan, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Bruce Smith and Mr. Wallace, instructed by Messrs. Wallace and Robson, for the defendant borough. This was an action brought by Mary Priscilla Langford against the Borough of Mosman to recover compensation for injury done to her property fronting Belmont-street, Mosman, owing, as she alleged, to the careless, unskilful, and negligent construction and continuation by the borough of certain drains. Plaintiff, who has a tenant in occupation of the premises, also claims compensation for injury to the reversion. The plaintiff's case was that the defendant borough constructed a drain into Princes-street in such a way that from time to time and especially in wet weather large quantities of water were collected and concentrated and caused to flow on to her land and into her house, doing a considerable amount of injury to the property, and carrying away a portion of plaintiff's fencing and a considerable quantity of soil. She also contended that if the defendant borough had carried the drain in Princes-street a little further down the storm-waters would have been carried off into the harbour. Damages were laid at £500. The defendant borough pleaded not guilty.

The case stands part heard.

No. 2 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Cohen and a jury of four.)

ACTION BY A SEA CAPTAIN.

Feast v. Beattie.

This case was resumed and concluded to-day. Mr. Whitfeld and Mr. Milner Stephen, instructed by Mr. E. F. Stephen, appeared for the plaintiff; and Dr. Sly, instructed by Messrs. Sly and Russell, for the defendant. The action was by Alfred Feast, master mariner, against Henry Beattie, shipowner, for alleged slander, and plaintiff claimed £500 damages.

The jury found a verdict for plaintiff, and awarded him £200.

(Before Mr. Justice Stephen and a jury of four.)

CLAIM FOR WORK AND MATERIALS.

Martin and Co. v. Fletcher.

This was an action by Malcolm Alexander Martin and William Fraser Martin, trading as Martin and Co., against John Fletcher to recover £164 1s 6d for work done, commission, and materials supplied. The defendant pleaded that he was never indebted. Mr. Gannon, instructed by Curtiss and Barry, for the plaintiff; and Mr. Piddington, instructed by Mr. J. M. Proctor, for the defendant.

The case stands part heard.

PROBATE COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson.)

WHEN IS PROBATE GRANTED?

His Honor's Decision.

In re the will of Charlotte Benjamin.—Mr. Myers had applied, on behalf of the executor, for a rule nisi calling upon Henrietta Marie Burnie, a daughter of the testatrix, to show cause why a caveat lodged by her should not be removed. It will be remembered that Mr. Myers wished his Honor to decide whether probate was actually granted when an order was made in court, or whether it really dated from the time when the seal was affixed to the document, the caveat in this particular instance having been lodged subsequently to the making of the order by the Judge. His Honor now gave his decision. He said he had looked into the matter and seen the Registrar about it, and, so far as he could deal with it on an ex parte application, he thought the contention of Mr. Myers was right—that the granting of probate was on the day the Court made the order. It might not be perfected until the seal was fixed upon it, but then it dated back to the day the Court made the order, and he thought that that was the time within which a caveat should be filed. But Mr. Myers's application was under section 104 for a rule nisi calling upon the caveator to show cause. If he were to grant that the matter would have to be contested. It seemed to him that the proper thing was to refuse the application. He did not see how he could order the caveat to be taken off in the absence of the caveator, and he did not know that he could decide the matter finally except in the presence of the caveator, because she might satisfy him that she filed the caveat in time. He should have thought that the proper course would be to give notice to the caveator that he was applying to the Court that probate might issue, notwithstanding the caveat, on the ground that the caveat was too late, and that the caveat should be taken off the file. If the caveat was taken off the file, and probate was ordered to issue, notwithstanding the caveat, Mr. Myers would not want his application for a rule nisi. He could let it stand over generally if Mr. Myers liked. It was ex parte, so Mr. Myers could always bring it on again without any notice to anybody.

IN CHAMBERS.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson.)

DOCUMENTS DECLARED VOID.

Re Charles Henry James, bankrupt. Mr. Gordon, instructed by Messrs. Fisher and Macansh, appeared for the official assignee and the trustee of the estate of the bankrupt, applicants; and Mr. Rich, instructed by Mr. W. G. Parish, for John Edward Dixon, Harriette Hardy James, and Charles Percy James, respondents. This was an action for an order declaring void as against the official assignee and trustee a certain indenture of settlement and a declaration of trust. By consent of the respondents the two documents referred to were declared void, and an order made in the terms of the notice of motion.

DIVORCE COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Simpson.)

LAW AND EQUITY.

Berghofer v. Berghofer.

His Honor referred to the case of Berghofer v. Berghofer, in which an application by respondent (the wife) for discovery by petitioner of certain letters was made on the previous day. His Honor said that Mr. Ralston had contended, amongst other matters, that the principles of a Court of Equity were applicable to a matter of that kind, or words to the same effect substantially. In giving judgment he (his Honor) said it was only a matter of justice that the woman should have an affidavit made in reference to documents which might tend to exonerate her on the charge of adultery. He also said that petitioner would have to make an affidavit in respect of those documents, and if the documents themselves tended not to exonerate but to inculpate the woman she must take the consequences. He was reported in the "Sydney Morning Herald" to have said that although sitting in a Court of law he could dispense justice. He thought that was a serious mistake, because the public would at once conclude that a Judge was reflecting in the strongest terms upon Courts of law by an insinuation that ordinarily they could not give justice. Referring to the jurisdiction of the Court, what he did say, so far as he could remember, was that it was only a matter of justice that the woman should have an opportunity of exonerating herself by the production of those letters, and although sitting in a Court of law he could act on the principles of a Court of Equity. There were principles which guided a Court of Equity and principles which guided a Court of law. Those which had effect in a Court of Equity were not always the same which had effect in a Court of law. The tendency in this colony was, so far as was possible, to assimilate those principles. What he had said was substantially that though sitting in a Court of law he could be guided by the principles of a Court of Equity. His Honor at a later stage read from the transcript of a shorthand note, but he said that some of the words he had actually used had, he felt sure, been omitted in the transcript. His Honor added, "There has been a misunderstanding."

JONES v. JONES.

This was a case wherein Alfred Richard Jones, boundary rider, had obtained a decree nisi for the dissolution of his marriage with Christina Jones on the ground of adultery with George Albert Higgins. The latter, a station manager, and employer of petitioner, was joined as co-respondent, and the jury awarded petitioner £400 damages. Mr. Ralston and Mr. Whitfeld, instructed by Messrs. Abbott, Vindin, and Littlejohn, appeared for the co-respondent; and Mr. Piddington, instructed by Messrs. Curtiss and Barry, for the petitioner. Co-respondent moved to set aside the decree nisi as drawn up and served upon him, and the co-respondent have leave to draw up the said decree nisi for the purpose of appeal or for such order as his Honor may think fit, upon the grounds that the said decree had not been drawn up as pronounced by the Court, that the special finding of the jury alleged therein formed no part of the said decree, and on other grounds. His Honor amended the decree by striking out the matter objected to, co-respondent's costs of the application to be paid by the petitioner. Mr. Piddington asked for an order that the damages assessed by the jury be paid into court within 21 days to abide the direction of the Judge, and his Honor made the order as asked for.

A PETITION DISMISSED.

Siddens v. Siddens.

The hearing of this suit was resumed. It was a petition by Elizabeth Jane Siddens (formerly Dunn) for dissolution of her marriage with Thomas Sydney Siddens on the ground of desertion. Mr. O'Reilly, instructed by Mr. Charles Bull, appeared for the petitioner; and respondent appeared in person to oppose the petition. When the Court rose on the previous day respondent was cross-examining petitioner.

She said she had never expressed an intention or desire to get rid of respondent and to make him support her. She had frequently seen her children since respondent had taken them away, but had not spoken to them because of her fear of her husband. On one occasion she heard that one child was sick. She did not visit it because a Judge's order was out to keep respondent from her. She had marks on her body now as a result of respondent's assault on her in August, 1894.

His Honor: I cannot understand why you (petitioner) remained with him if he was guilty of the brutal treatment you have described. Some men are brutes, beasts, and if what has been said of you (respondent) be true you are one of them. If I were trying you in the Criminal Court and you were convicted by the jury I would send you to gaol for two years. I am no advocate for the trivial sentences passed by magistrates for assaults on women. What one hears in this court is horrible.

Ann Dunn, mother of the petitioner, described the ill-treatment of the latter by respondent on August 24, 1894. As a result of the ill-treatment petitioner's body and face were badly bruised.

Petitioner, recalled by his Honor, said she had never asked respondent to take her back, because she was too much afraid of him, nor had he asked her to return to him.

Respondent called.

Mary Laurence, who said she had lived next to the Siddens for many years. Respondent was always a quiet man, but he had a terrible life with his wife's mother. He was locked out of his house on several occasions. Once witness saw the mother put respondent's two children out in the street. They were wet and cold, and witness took them to her house until respondent reached home. He took the children away.

Sydney Eagar, police constable, said that about three years ago petitioner consulted him as to a disturbance which had occurred between her, respondent, and a man named Were. She said she would never go back to her husband because she hated him. He had asked her to return to him, but she had declined the offer. Witness had several times seen petitioner at night in company with the man Were.

Respondent, on oath, denied that he had ever assaulted his wife. He had asked her to live with him apart from her mother, but she had refused. He did not ill-treat his wife on a night in August, 1894, as stated. He never pulled her from her bed. He never removed his children by strategy from petitioner's house.

Mr. O'Reilly put in a letter written by respondent to his wife. In it he besought her forgiveness for his bad conduct.

His Honor, in giving judgment, said respondent wanted his wife back with him, and she had declined to return. Therefore the question arose had there been desertion for three years and upwards.

Mr. O'Reilly: She declined to go back because of his ill-treatment of her.

His Honor said that was so, but even if he were a brute and treated her in a coarse way she was his wife. If the wife wanted a judicial separation he thought he would grant it.

Mr. O'Reilly: She would accept that.

His Honor said he did not altogether like what he had heard of the man Were. The brutality on the part of the husband had never occurred before the two specified occasions; therefore was the wife justified in assuming that it would recur and remaining away? People could not obtain divorces merely because their married life was unhappy. His Honor was satisfied that respondent had behaved towards petitioner in a manner in which no man should behave to his wife. Indeed so gross was his treatment of her on the morning in August, 1894, according to her story, and his Honor had come to the conclusion that it was correct, that she was justified in going away. But they had been married for about 10 years, and only once during that time was he guilty of such conduct, so that his Honor could not come to the conclusion that petitioner was justified in remaining away. His Honor was in all the circumstances of opinion that there had not been desertion for three years and upwards, but he would grant a decree for judicial separation, because petitioner had established that respondent had been guilty of cruelty to her.

His Honor ordered costs of the suit to be paid by respondent.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson.)

A SETTLEMENT SET ASIDE.

Re Charles H. James.—Mr. Gordon, instructed by Messrs. Fisher and Macansh, appeared for the official assignee and trustee; and Mr. Rich, instructed by Mr. W. G. Parish, for the respondents. In this case Mr. Gordon asked for an order setting aside a settlement of Tinkrameana Station on the bankrupt's wife and son, and evidence having been called his Honor granted the application.

AN INTERESTING CASE.

Re John James Walters. Mr. Gordon and Mr. Manning, instructed by Messrs. Allen, Allen, and Hemsley, were for the official assignee; and Mr. Wise and Mr. Bavin, instructed by Mr. H. B. Way, for Donald Currie, respondent. This was an application on behalf of the official assignee for an order declaring void as against him a certain alleged sale or transfer made by the bankrupt to the respondent in or about April, 1892, of the bankrupt's share or interest in a business carried on by the bankrupt and others under the name or style of "Alexander Sneddon and Co.," or "The Farmers and Dairymen's Refrigerating Company," and in or to certain lands situate at Picton Lakes, and for an order directing him to pay to the official assignee the amount of all profits or moneys received by him in respect of the said business. Or in the alternative for an order directing the respondent to pay to the official assignee £120 or such other sum as should be found due, on the ground that that sum was due by the respondent to the bankrupt at the commencement of the bankruptcy. In his reply the respondent disputed the applicant's claim so far as applicant sought to set aside the transfer made by the bankrupt to the respondent of the bankrupt's share or interest in the business carried on under the name of "Alexander Sneddon and Co." or "The Farmers and Dairymen's Refrigerating Company," and in or to the lands at Picton Lakes. He said that he was willing, and always had been, to pay to the claimant whatever was due to the bankrupt at the commencement of the bankruptcy in respect of the matter referred to in the second or alternative portion of the notice of motion, dated September 1, and served on respondent, of which fact the claimant had due notice, but he declined to demand or accept the same.

Mr. Gordon, in addressing his Honor, said that at the beginning of 1892 the bankrupt had a half-share of the business referred to, and his portion of the profits for the 12 months prior to March, 1892, was £1466 1s 9½d. The bankrupt said that in 1892 he sold this half-share to Donald Currie. Walters's position in 1892 was this: He owed the Federal Bank over £5000, and he also owed certain other persons sums amounting to about £17,000. For one of those debts judgment was recovered in October, 1893, for £4060, so that at that time he was in a hopeless state of financial insolvency. One witness valued Walters' share of the business spoken of at about £5000. Donald Currie was a small farmer in the Illawarra district. He said he wanted some shares in the company, and Walters said he would sell him the whole of his interest for £800. Currie managed to negotiate a loan with the City Bank, and the balance of £500 was represented by promissory notes which were handed over to Walters, and Walters was to get paid out of the very business he was to hand over to Currie. In addition to that, Walters was appointed to look after the whole of this thing, and was to draw for that £200 a year. There was no document of sale of any description. Currie said that there were liabilities on the business which he took on himself. Of course he did not do it by a deed of indemnity, and the question was whether he was legally liable.

Evidence was given.

The case stands part heard.

(Before the Registrar, Mr. Arthur Henry.)

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS.

Re James Jasper Crennan. The Registrar held that the bankrupt contracted debts without reasonable or probable ground of expectation of being able to pay. He granted the certificate subject to an order made under section 19 of the amending Act of 1896 that the bankrupt shall pay £3 per month until the expenses of the bankruptcy are paid, and afterwards £2 per month till further order, the first payment to be made on May 1. The certificate is not to issue until expenses of bankruptcy are paid.

Re Isaac Whiley. The Registrar found that the bankrupt, as a publican, kept no books, and had filed no accounts, and that he had given a bill of sale to Close over everything when he owed money to other creditors. He suspended the certificate for 18 months.

The application of William Charles Greenslade was adjourned to May 11; that of William Thomas Higgins to March 23; Thomas Stocker Manuell, to March 30; Mortimer Montgomery, March 17; Charles Hurkett, March 30; Alfred Charles Gill, March 23.

MOTION FOR RELEASE.

Re Thomas G. J. Giddy. The only creditor has given an acquittance. Estate released; the release to operate as a discharge.

SINGLE MEETINGS.

Re Richard Cheeseman. The bankrupt did not appear. Warrant to issue, but to lie in the office for three weeks. Adjourned to April 6.

In the cases of Marion Scholer, Owen Dempsey, and Charles Carngati the meetings closed, and the public examinations were declared concluded. The meeting of William Toomey was adjourned to March 23, and that of Richard Thomas Lambert to April 20, a letter being expected from England with reference to assets in the estate.

PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

The public examination of Leopold Fane de Salis was adjourned to April 20, the bankrupt being ill. In the estate of Andrew Fairfax (deceased) Charles Ernest Fairfax, son of the administratrix, was examined. The examination was declared concluded. In the case of George Hyland, also, the examination was declared concluded.

EXAMINATIONS UNDER SECTION 30.

The examination of George Hyland closed, that of Richard Thomas Lambert was adjourned to April 20, and that of James Christie Horne to March 18.

VOLUNTARY SEQUESTRATION.

William Garside, of Stockton, miner. Official assignee, Mr. W. H. Palmer.

DISTRICT COURT.

(Before Judge Backhouse.)

TUCKER v. WILLIAMS.

In this case Joseph Tucker, master mariner, sued John Williams, residing at Strathfield, and carrying on business as a shipowner and broker at 19 Macquarie-place, Sydney, for £46 18s balance of wages. He based his claim upon the fact that he had been employed by the defendant as master of the schooner Albatross for 11 months at £11 per month, from February, 1889, to January, 1890, and had only received £74 2s of the amount. Mr. L. Armstrong, instructed by Mr. A. J. Reynolds (Messrs. Arnott and Reynolds), appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Schrader (for Messrs. Sly and Russell) for the defendant. For the defence a set-off exceeding the plaintiff's demand was made against it, and it was contended that Tucker's claim was barred by the Statute of Limitations. The defendant also alleged that plaintiff was engaged at £10 a month until he arrived at the Solomon Islands, and was then to receive £6 a month. On behalf of the plaintiff it was contended that his claim was not barred by the Statute of Limitations, as defendant had made a part payment on account within six years.

A verdict was given for plaintiff for £28 18s.

COLLINS v. JOHNS.

J. T. Collins, farmer, of Narrabeen, claimed £25 from W. Johns, engineer, millwright, and blacksmith, of 110 and 112 Botany-road, in consideration of the loss of time and money in connection with a crushing-machine which he alleged he had bought upon defendant's recommendation that it would crush from 5cwt. to 20cwt. of bones, raw and cold, per hour—a task he had found it incapable of performing—and also for goods sold and delivered and for money transactions between the parties. His Honor gave a verdict for the defendant.

METROPOLITAN QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before his Honor Judge Docker.)

Mr. G. M. L. Innes was Crown prosecutor.

PLEA OF GUILTY.

A youth, named Leslie Blatchford, was charged with having on February 21, at Nowra, assaulted a girl, aged 9 years. At the conclusion of the Crown case accused, who was defended by Mr. Teece (instructed by Mr. J. W. Abigail) withdrew his plea of not guilty, and substituted one of guilty. He was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, the sentence to be suspended under the provisions of the First Offenders Act upon his finding two sureties of £40 to be of good behaviour for that period.

CHARGE OF ASSAULT.

Noel Summerset, a young man, pleaded not guilty to a charge of having on February 8 assaulted a girl, 13 years of age, at Penrith. Accused was defended by Mr. W. P. Crick and Mr. W. Hill. He went into the box and gave an emphatical denial to the charge, asserting at the same time that he was Viscount Elton, the only son of Lord Elton. At 9 p.m. the jury had failed to agree as to their verdict, and they were accordingly locked up for the night.

SENTENCED.

William Hayes, convicted on the 10th instant of receiving stolen property, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—Thursday, March 17.

Banco Court, St. James'-road.—Blackwood v. M'Caughey, D. (part heard). Notice.—The jurors summoned to attend Banco Court on Monday, the 14th instant (and instructed to look in this morning's paper for notification as to attendance) will not be further required.

No. 1 Jury Court, King-street.—Langford v. Borough of Mosman (part heard).

No. 2 Jury Court, King-street.—At 10 a.m.: Martin v. Fletcher (part heard). At 12 noon: Lissner v. Marks, O'Reilly v. Elvy, Busby v. Brown, Saywell v. Boyce, Stowe v. Mead, Field v. Cowper. Notice.—The jurors summoned to attend No. 2 Jury Court to-day will not be required to attend until 12 noon. This does not apply to those engaged in the above part-heard case.

In Divorce.—Before the Judge in Divorce.—At 10 a.m.: Hearing of causes.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Prothonotary.—Dubbo Refrigerating and Boiling-down Company, Limited v. Rutherford, 11; in re gents., &c., and in re Manders, 11.30; Brisco and others v. Bannister and another, 12.30; Simson v. Simson, 2.30; Kelly v. Caledonian Coal Company, 3. Before the Chief Clerk.—In re gent., &c., ex parte Hutchison, 2.30.

Master's Office.—At 11 a.m., Moss v. Moss, to proceed on accounts, all day appointment. Before the Deputy Registrar.—At 11 a.m., re will of E. R. Stack, to tax costs; at 12 noon, Bonang Gold-mining Company and Companies Act, to tax costs; same, ditto.

In Lunacy.—Before his Honor the Chief Judge in Equity.—At 10 o'clock a.m., Lunacy matters.

Probate Jurisdiction.—Coram the Registrar, at 11, to proceed on accounts in the following estates:—John Coulson Glue, William Rutledge, Joseph Bofinger, Elizabeth Brophy; 2.15, John Greaves.

In Bankruptcy.—Before his Honor the Judge.—At 10.15 a.m.: Re J. J. Walters, motion under section 130 (part heard). Before the Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: Certificate applications: William Perceval, Richard Boulder, William Wood, Alfred Davis Dennis, Mortimer Montgomery, William Davis Wright, Sidney George Harris, Henry Petty Smith, William John E. Wotton. Hearing of proof of trustees of Savings Bank of New South Wales—Re William George Vial. Single meetings—Herbert Buxton Ludlow, Thomas Sheriff. Public examinations—William George Vial, Edmund Coleman.

DISTRICT COURT.—Thursday, March 17.
(Before his Honor Judge Backhouse, at 10 a.m.)
Applications for Garnishee Orders.—Cohen v. Rich and another, Nelson and Callan garnishees; Arkman v. Cooper, Jones Brothers garnishees.
Causes.—Nolan v. M'Mahon, Brown v. Bell, Chappell v. Anderson, Eve v. Richards, Stevens v. Blair.
(Before the Registrar.)
Taxation of Costs.—Russell v. French, 10.30 a.m.; Hamilton v. Evans, 10.40 a.m.; Wilson v. Wilson, 11 a.m.

SYDNEY QUARTER SESSIONS.—Thursday, March 17.
Appeals.—Timothy O'Connor, breach of Diseased Animals and Meat Act; John James Tierney, assault; John J. Wakley, maintenance.

CROWN LANDS.

Information regarding Crown lands for Homestead Selection, Settlement Lease, and Improvement Lease, compiled by the Information Bureau of the Lands Department.

WEST BOGAN SCRUB LANDS.

Tenders are invited by Gazette notification of the 16th instant for Improvement Leases of the country recently cleared by the unemployed.

Tenders will be received at the Lands Department not later than noon on Monday, 18th April, 1898.

Thirty blocks are thrown open for tender with areas ranging from 2160 acres to 10,421 acres, and rentals varying from 1d to 2d per acre.

All the blocks are within easy reach of railway communication, being close to Nyngan, Girilambone, and Summervale stations.

The land is described as generally consisting of good red, loamy soil, with some gravelly ridges, and possessing good facilities for the conservation of water.

The conditions attached to the leases deserve special attention. Some of the most important are as follow:—
Lease for 28 years.
Land to be fenced within three years.
Half rental charged for the first three years if the conditions of the lease are being satisfactorily fulfilled.
Appraisement of Crown improvements by Local Land Board, but in no case is value of scrubbing to exceed 2s 6d per acre.
Payment for Crown improvements to be extended over whole term of lease, if desired, with interest at 3 per cent., but payment for any private improvements must be arranged amongst the parties interested.
Tenant right in improvements upon expiration of lease.
Persons tendering are to state whether they are willing to reside for six consecutive months of the first three years of lease. Minister to have option of accepting tenders of persons agreeing to such conditions in preference to other tenders.
The land to be kept clear of scrub throughout the term of lease.
Survey fee not to exceed £2 per mile, and payment to be extended over 5 years.

The following areas will be set apart during the week ending the 19th instant:—

FOR HOMESTEAD SELECTION.

Albury Land District, within the suburban area of Germanton.—115 acres in 8 blocks; areas range from 9 to 17 acres; distant about ½ mile from Germanton and 18 miles from Culcairn; capital value, £5 per acre; will be available 14th April, 1898.

Boorowa Land District.—The block, containing 842 acres, distant 35 miles from Boorowa and 15 miles from Cowra; capital value, 30s per acre; will be available 21st April, 1898.

Wagga Wagga Land District, on Wagingoberemby Holding.—3884 acres, in six blocks; areas range from 580 acres to 692 acres; distant 29 to 31 miles from Narrandera; capital value, 30s and 40s per acre; will be available 5th May, 1898.

Young Land District, on Bang Bang Holding.—1 block, containing 1044 acres; distant 2 miles from Kooroowatha; capital value, 15s per acre; will be available 12th May, 1898; and within the population area of Young, 394 acres, in 8 blocks; areas range from 24 to 65 acres; distant, 2½ miles from Young; capital value, 40s to 55s per acre; will be available 14th April, 1898.

The following areas will become available on Thursday next, the 17th instant:—

FOR HOMESTEAD SELECTION.

Land District of Brewarrina, on Quantambone Holding.—1 block, 203 acres.

FOR SETTLEMENT LEASE.

Land District of Gunnedah, on Bomera Holding.—1 farm, 5100 acres.

Land District of Nyngan, on Gunningbar Holding.—7 farms, 18,591 acres.

Further particulars may be obtained at the Lands Department Bureau; or from the Crown Lands Agents of the districts.

The fourth edition of the pamphlet containing particulars of all Crown lands available for Homestead Selection and Settlement Lease throughout the colony has been published, and copies may be obtained at the Government Printing Office; Information Bureau, Lands Department; or from any Crown Lands Agent. Price, 6d.

Lands Department "Weekly Gazette."—Full particulars are given in this "Gazette" of all lands that are being made available for settlement; and, in addition, all the notifications issued by the Department of Lands, and published in the ordinary "Gazette," appear in this issue. The terms of subscription are 5s per quarter, and application should be made to the Government Printer.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—March 16.

Namoi, s., 1414 tons, Captain Skinner, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, agents.

South Australian, s., 716 tons, Captain R. Magrath, from Newcastle. A. Sneddon, jun., agent.

Burrumbeet, s., 2490 tons, Captain W. Hipgrave, from Newcastle. Huddart, Parker, and Co., Limited, agents.

DEPARTURES.—March 16.

Ormuz, R.M.S., for London, via ports.
Westralia, s., for Auckland and ports.
Alexander Gibson, ship, for Yokohama.
Lizzie Vance, barquentine, for San Francisco, via Newcastle.
Gulf of Martaban, s., for Manilla, via Newcastle.
Adelaide, s., for Cairns, via ports.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—March 17.

Tekapo, s., for Launceston, via Eden; Augusta, s., for Tweed River; Murray, s., for Moruya, Bermagui, and Tathra; Sydney, s., for Newcastle; South Australian, s., for Newcastle.

CLEARANCES.—March 16.

Ormuz, R.M.S., 6387 tons, Captain H. E. Inskip, for London, via ports, with passengers as published yesterday.

Westralia, s., 2931 tons, Captain P. W. Bull, for Auckland. Passengers—Mesdames Neill, Thomas, C. Davies, D. Fowler and infant and nurse, G. S. Fowler, E. Collins, Gregory, Coombe, Ritchie and child, Cowan, M'Lean and child, Misses M. Ritchie, E. Ritchie, A. Ritchie, Butterfield, G. Parosh, M. Cook, E. Reeves, Fuchs, Ficates, Perran, Watkins, N. M'Kinnon, Ireland, Ogilvie, Messrs. D. Fowler, A. Crowe, A. N. Sheats, F. Coats, J. E. Sheats, Thomas Noonan, J. Corrigan, H. and J. Duncan (2), W. A. Alexander, S. Rowley, Linay, M'Gregor, W. Sparkman, M. Dempster, S. Martin, P. Newman, Cowan, E. H. Saunders, J. Gribbles, Ritchie, H. S. Dadley, Bullman, F. W. Sherwood, L. Tucks, Keates, W. Clark, S. Schuts, Neill, Thomas, J. Davies, A. Farquhar, Masters Ritchie (3), and 89 in the steerage.

Adelaide, s., 1711 tons, Captain J. Usher, for Cairns, via ports. Passengers—Mrs. Barnett, Miss De Fanon, Miss Swayne, Miss Abbott, Miss Daisy Daly, Miss Chambers, Mrs. Tooker, Mrs. Peake, Mrs. Simmons, Miss Laurie, Mrs. Laurie, Mrs. A. L. Halloran, Miss Anning, Miss Lucas, Mrs. T. T. Taylor, Mrs. Hopkins and 2 children, Mr. and Mrs. Lunert and child, Miss J. Nesbitt, Miss L. Stuart, Mrs. W. M'Kean, Mr. P. Dews, Mr. J. M'Kenna, Mr. R. Anderson, Mr. Richardson, Mrs. Richardson, Mr. Trizise, Mr. C. W. Jones, Mr. T. C. Firth, Mr. E. P. M'Millan, Mr. Gordon, Mr. O. B. Gainsborough, Mr. R. Wood, Mr. C. King, Mr. E. Martin, Mr. J. P. Dombar, Mr. P. Murphy, Mr. P. Dawson, Mr. H. M'Donald, Mr. W. J. Cracknell, Mr. T. C. Atkinson, Mr. R. H. Holder, Mr. J. S. Dence, Mr. B. Cole, Mrs. J. Laurie and 2 children, Miss M'Gregor, Miss Atkinson, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Meinratti, Mrs. Pyhan, Mrs. and Miss Hughes, Mr. J. Creagh, Mr. S. Hack, Mr. P. J. Kirby, Mrs. Marson, Mr. M. Dobson, Mrs. D. Power, and 78 in the steerage.

Lizzie Vance, barquentine, 383 tons, Captain E. P. Hardwick, for San Francisco, via Newcastle, in ballast.

Gulf of Martaban, s., 2447 tons, Captain R. J. Rey, for Manilla, via Newcastle, in ballast.

COASTERS OUTWARD.—March 16.

Sea Flower, schooner, Captain D. Ravel, for Camden Haven; Willinga, schooner, Captain A. Craighead, for Cape Hawke; Venture, ketch, Captain J. Gogerly, for Cape Hawke; Star of Peace, ketch, Captain W. Greer, for Port Stephens; Loch Lee, schooner, Captain D. Murray, for Port Kembla; Friendship, s., Captain W. Brinkwater, for Moruya.

IMPORTS.—March 16.

[A special charge is made for consignees' notices in this column.]

Ex Birma, from New York: 15 rolls printing paper—JOHN FAIRFAX AND SONS.

EXPORTS.—March 16.

Ormuz, R.M.S., for London, via ports: 350 bales wool, 72 bales basils, 42 bales leather, 20 casks tallow, 750 cases preserved meats, 182 cases gum, 28,194 ingots copper, 5 cases pearlshell, and sundries.

Westralia, s., for Auckland: 120 cases soap, 50 bundles hoops, 12 boxes bicycle sundries, 10 cases stout, 15 cases salmon, 25 cases vestas, 100 cases benzine, 15 hogsheads white spirit, 152 packages tea, 15 bags shumach, 4 cases glass, 4 cases ironmongery, 104 cases brandy, 6 packages paper, 500 felloes, 10 cases jam jars, 120 cases fruit, 20 cases blue, 18 tubes, 1498 bags bonedust, 4 cases rolled oats, 289 bars lead, 57 pieces timber, 52 casks brandy, 25 bags gambier, 38 tubes, 57 rolls lead rod, 37 cases champagne, 10 cases waters, 196 bars iron, 9 packages sewing machines, 72 grindstones, 20 cases icing sugar, 500 spokes, 16 rolls lead, 140 bales hoops, 460 bags salt, 15 girders, 20 bundles bags, 588 bags bones, 480 bags bottles, and 128 packages sundries.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

BRISBANE.—Arrival: March 16, Lady Musgrave, s., Departure: March 16, Omi Maru, s., for Sydney.

MARYBOROUGH.—Arrivals: March 16, Burwah, s., from Rockhampton; Julia Percy, s., from Brisbane.

KEPPEL BAY.—Arrival: March 16, Cintra, s., from Cooktown. Departure: March 16, Cintra, s., for Brisbane.

ROCKHAMPTON.—Arrival: March 15, Katoomba, s., from Brisbane.

THURSDAY ISLAND.—Arrival: March 16, Yamashiro Maru, s., from Sydney.

NORMANTON.—Arrival: March 16, Warrego, s., from Brisbane, via ports.

YAMBA.—Departure: March 16, Kallatina, s., at 2.20 p.m., for Sydney.

NEWCASTLE.—Arrivals: March 16, Acamas, ship, from Fremantle; Celtic Race, ship, from Table Bay; C. J. S., barque, Empire, barque, from Melbourne; South Australian, s., Sydney, s., Balmain, s., Timaru, s., Excelsior, s., Alice, s., Prosperity, Hannah Nicholson, schooners, Bra s., Kadina, s., from Sydney. Departures: March 16, Sava, Austrian ship, for Valparaiso, with 1540 tons coal; Excelsior, s., for the Tweed River; Brisbane, s., for Lyttelton, with 1410 tons coal; Easby, s., for Melbourne, with 1800 tons coal; Rotokino, s., for Lyttelton, with 2550 tons coal; South Australian, s., Timaru, s., Alice, s., Balmain, s., Sydney, s., Fanny Fisher, barque, Advance, schooners, for Sydney; Burrumbeet, s., for Melbourne, via Sydney, with 2250 tons coal.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: March 16, Wodonga, s., at 1.30 p.m., Kalgoorlie, s., at 5.10 p.m., both west; Time, s., at 5.30 p.m., north.

MELBOURNE.—Arrivals: March 16, Pateena, s., from Launceston; Austral, R.M.S., from London; Gulf of Siam, s., from Liverpool; Barrier, s., from Newcastle. Departure: March 16, Ashley, s., for Adelaide; Austral, R.M.S., for Sydney; Peregrine, s., for Sydney; Manowai, s., for New Zealand, via Hobart; Norkoowa, s., for Newcastle; Australia, ship, for Newcastle; Bulimba, s., for Western Australia.

ADELAIDE.—Arrival: March 16, Marpesia, ship, from Soderham. Departure: March 16, Age, s., for Melbourne.

(FROM THE BOARD AT THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE.)

TWEED HEADS.—Passed: March 16, a large schooner-rigged steamer at 9 a.m., north.

RICHMOND HEADS.—Arrival: March 16, Tomki, s., at 10.45 a.m., from Sydney. Departures: March 16, St. George, s., at 11.45 a.m., and Electra, s., at 11.52 a.m., for Sydney; Sarah Fenwick at 5.10 p.m. 12ft. on bar, and 10ft. on inside channel at high water.

CLARENCE HEADS.—Departure: March 16, Kallatina, s., at 2.20 p.m., for Sydney.

NAMBUCCA HEADS.—Arrivals: March 16, Lucretia, schooner, and Philip Palfrey, schooner, at 2.30 p.m., from Sydney; Pelican, s., at 2.55 p.m., from Macleay Heads.

MACLEAY HEADS.—Arrival: March 16, Burrawong, s., at 12.30 a.m., from Sydney. Passed: March 16, Oakland, s., at 6.30 a.m., north.

SMOKY CAPE.—Passed: March 16, Australian, s., at 9.15 a.m., Arawatta, s., at 10.50 a.m., both north.

PORT MACQUARIE.—Arrival: March 16, Rosedale, s., at 1.15 p.m., from Sydney. Passed: March 16, Tyrian, s., at 5.40 p.m., south.

CAMDEN HAVEN.—Departure: March 16, Amy Moir, ketch, at 1.15 p.m., for Sydney.

MANNING HEADS.—Departure: March 16, Coraki, s., at 2 p.m., for Sydney.

CAPE HAWKE.—Arrival: March 15, Express, s., at 11.45 p.m.

CROWDY HEAD.—Passed: March 16, Kelloe at 4.10 p.m., north.

SEAL ROCKS.—Passed: March 16, City of Grafton, s., at 8.20 a.m., Kelloe, s., at noon, and Excelsior, s., at 3.40 p.m., north; Macleay, s., with Coraki in tow, at 6.45 p.m., south.

PORT STEPHENS.—Arrivals: March 16, Jasper, ketch, at 12.30 p.m., Myall at 6 p.m. Passed: March 16, Harriett, schooner, at 7.45 a.m., Australian, schooner, at 11.30 a.m., Liffey, schooner, at 2 p.m., Empress of India at 5 p.m., all north; Eureka, s., at 11.30 a.m., south.

BARRANJOEY.—Departure: March 16, Kate, s., at 11.35 a.m.

BELLAMBI.—Arrival: Marh 16, Captain Cook, s., at 6 a.m., from Sydney.

WOLLONGONG.—Arrival: March 16, Prospero, brig, at 7 a.m., from Sydney. Departures: March 16, Marion, schooner, at 6 a.m., for Shoalhaven; Currajong, s., at 4.40 p.m., for Sydney.

PORT KEMBLA.—Departure: March 16, Wendouree, s., at 1.15 p.m., for Melbourne.

KIAMA.—Departure: March 16, Civility, s., at 11 a.m., for Sydney.

JERVIS BAY.—Passed: March 16, Larnaca at 6.15 p.m., south.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS.—Arrivals: March 16, Coomonderry, s., at 5.40 a.m., and Illawarra, s., at noon, from Sydney.

BATEMAN'S BAY.—Arrival: March 16, Peterborough, s., at 12.30 p.m., from Sydney.

EDEN.—Departure: March 16, Bega, s., at 8 a.m., for Sydney.

GREEN CAPE.—Passed: March 16, a barque at 8 a.m., north; Wodonga, s., at 11.45 a.m., south.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: March 16, a barque at 8.45 a.m., Time at 5.30 p.m., both north; Wodonga at 1.30 p.m., Kalgoorlie at 5.10 p.m., both west.

HOBART.—Departure: March 16, Oonah at 5.20 p.m., for Sydney.

LOW HEAD (TAS.).—Arrival: March 16, Coogee, s., at 6.20 a.m., from Melbourne.

STRAHAN (TAS.).—Departure: March 16, Grafton, s., at 10.40 a.m., for Melbourne.

DEVONPORT.—Departure: March 15, Mooinderry, s., at 8.10 p.m., for Melbourne.

ALBANY (W.A.).—Arrivals: March 15, Australasian, s., at 9.30 p.m., from Melbourne. March 16, Australia, R.M.S., at 10 a.m., from Colombo. Departure: March 16, Australasian, s., for London.

FREMANTLE.—Arrivals: March 16, Alfred Hanley, from Natal; Albany, from Geraldton; Nemesis, from Bunbury; Perth, s., from London. Departures: March 16, Wollowra, for Adelaide; Sutton, for Singapore.

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THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 5.30 and 7 p.m.
Queensland.—Overland, 4.45 p.m.
Valparaiso, via Newcastle.—Doon, 8 a.m.
Hobart.—Gulf of Bothnia, 8 a.m.
Launceston, via Eden.—Tekapo, 11 a.m.
Montague Island.—Murray, noon.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Bulimba, 5.30 p.m.
Launceston and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Coogee, 7 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Grafton, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY.

Clyde River.—Allowrie, 9 a.m.
Wellington, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Tarawera, 4 p.m.
Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, via Wellington.—Ionic, 4 p.m.
Richmond River.—Electra, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Port Macquarie and Bellinger River.—Rosedale, 8 a.m.
Brisbane.—Peregrine, 1 p.m.
Hobart and Launceston.—Oonah, 6 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kallatina, 8 p.m.
Macleay and Nambucca Rivers.—Burrawong, 9 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Waratah, 9.30 p.m.

MONDAY.

Eden.—Bega, 11 a.m.
Launceston and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Pateena, 5.30 p.m.
Richmond River.—Tomki, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY.

United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius.—Overland to Adelaide, and thence per Ormuz, 4.30 p.m.
R.M.S. Ormuz (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 4.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Ormuz, 5.30 p.m.

PARCEL MAIL.

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METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Wednesday.

Average annual rainfall for 39 years, 49·664.
Average for 40 years from January 1 to February 28, 9·048.
Total rainfall from January 1, 1898, to March 16, 10·562.
Sydney standard barometer at 9 a.m. to-day, 30·006.
Temperature.—Maximum 81·8; minimum 55·6.
Humidity, 9 a.m., 52; 3 p.m., 55.

STATE OF BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 29·81; Perth, 30·07; Esperance Bay, 30·25; Eucla, 30·26; Streaky Bay, 30·28; Adelaide, 30·28; Robe, 30·11; Portland, 30·19; Melbourne, 30·15; Wilson's Promontory, 29·99; Gabo Island, 29·98; Cape St. George, 29·96; Sydney, 30·01; Newcastle, 30·02; Port Macquarie, 30·06; Clarence Heads, 30·07; Brisbane, 30·08; Rockhampton, 29·88; Mackay, 29·94; Cooktown, 29·89.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Fine and clear generally.
Western Australia.—Generally fine; cloudy in the far north.
South Australia.—Fine and very pleasant throughout.
Victoria and Straits.—Fine and clear to fine but cloudy throughout.
Tasmania.—Cloudy to showery.
Queensland.—Generally fine and clear to fine, but cloudy.
Central and Northern Australia.—Cloudy generally.
New Zealand.—Showery and squally at the Bluff.
New Caledonia.—Fine but cloudy at Gomen; showery at Noumea.

RAIN HAS FALLEN IN THE PREVIOUS 24 HOURS TO 9 A.M.

Queensland.—Light to heavy on and near coast, in south-east, and scattered in north.
Victoria.—Very light and scattered in southern districts.
Tasmania.—Light to moderate in the south and west.

RIVER REPORTS AT 9 A.M.

Albury, 4in.; Balranald, 2ft. 1in.; Bingara, 1ft. 6in.; Booligal, summer level; Bourke, 20ft. 4in., falling; Brewarrina, 11ft. 9in., falling; Deniliquin, summer level; Dubbo, 2ft. 4in.; Euabalong, 2ft. 9in.; Euston, 7ft.; Goodooga, low; Gundagai, 2ft. 4in.; Hay, 3in below summer level; Hillston, summer level; Louth, 24ft. 4in., falling; Manilla, low; Menindie, 20ft. 9in.; Mogil Mogil, 2ft., falling; Moulamein, below summer level; Mungundi, 6ft. 6in., falling; Pooncarie, 16ft. 7½in.; Tilpa, 25ft. 2in., falling; Tocumwal, 3in.; Wagga Wagga, 1ft. 6in.; Wentworth, 8ft.; Wilcannia, 27ft. 7in., falling; Yetman, low; Barwon River at Walgett, 13ft., falling; Namoi River at Walgett, 5ft. 3in., falling; Goondiwindi, low.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Tweed Heads, N., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Byron Bay, N., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Ballina, N., cloudy, sea smooth; Clarence Heads, N.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, W., light, fine, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Macleay Heads, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Port Macquarie, calm, fine, sea smooth; Manning Heads, calm, fine, sea smooth; Seal Rocks, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Port Stephens, S.E., fresh, fine, sea moderate; Newcastle, E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, E., light, fine, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay, E., light, fine, sea smooth; Barranjoey, E., light, fine, sea smooth; South Head, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Wollongong, E., light, fine, sea smooth; Kiama, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Ulladulla, calm, fine, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, calm, fine, sea smooth; Moruya, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Eden, S.W., fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Green Cape, S.W., strong, cloudy, sea rough; Gabo Island, W.S.W., fresh gale, cloudy, misty, sea rough.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Light and variable winds; weather fine generally, warm during the day, and cool at nights; rough weather still to south-east of Eden and on the south coast.—H. C. RUSSELL.

Victoria.—Generally fine, except for some scattered showers on coast; light S. winds, fresh on south-east coast, with rather rough sea.—P. BARACCHI.

South Australia.—Continued fine, cool, and pleasant weather everywhere, scattered clouds in south and south-east, light to moderate S.E. to E. winds, smooth sea.—C. TODD.

SPECIAL FORECAST OF AUSTRALASIAN WEATHER, BY MR. CLEMENT L. WRAGGE—TWO DAYS.

New South Wales.—Heavy squalls from between west and south south from Sydney, with some rain and rough seas. Shipping note. Other parts mostly fine.

Western Australia.—Heavy monsoonal showers on the northern coast; elsewhere mostly fine, but the Antarctic disturbance "Arhat" is surely approaching the south-west.

Northern Territory.—Fine in the interior; monsoonal rains, with electric disturbance north from Tennant's Creek.

South Australia.—Squally, showery, and unsettled in far south-east, and finer weather within two days; elsewhere mostly fine.

Queensland.—Generally fine, but a tendency to isolated rain in the western and north-eastern districts, thereafter including the south-east. The disturbance "Nia" is still marked south-east from Sudest.

Victoria and Tasmania.—Squally and wet from between west and south; rough seas. Shipping on the south coast of Tasmania is specially cautioned that the western edge of the disturbance "Guru" is an operating factor.

New Zealand.—Heavy weather south from Wellington, with rain.

New Caledonia.—Cloudy and showery.

Special Note.—The new Antarctic disturbance named "Arhat," south-west from Cape Leeuwin, within a week from date, will cause heavy weather over the Southern Ocean between the meridians of 105° and 170° E., especially south from the parallel of 40°. Although the conditions are fine along the Queensland coast, shipping is specially advised of the existence of the disturbance "Nia" north-west from Gomen.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR MARCH 17.

Sun rises at 5.56, sets at 6.12; Moon, 12.21 a.m., 2.33 p.m.; Mercury, 6 a.m., 6.16 p.m.; Venus, 6.30 a.m., 6.34 p.m.; Mars, 8.34 a.m., 4.55 p.m.; Jupiter, 6.35 p.m., 6.52 a.m.; Saturn, 9.56 p.m., 12.2 p.m.
New Moon, 22nd; Full Moon, 8th.
High water at Fort Denison, 4.3 a.m., 4.33 p.m.

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THIS WEEK'S

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Where Mr. King's Body was Found—The Scene of the Tragedy.

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the late Right Hon. C. P. Villiers.

CHRISTENING OF CAPTAIN AND THE HON. MRS. FERGUSON'S SON IN ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL.
Sketched for the Mail.

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BALANCE-SHEET, JANUARY 1, 1898.

ASSETS.	
United States Bonds (£889,506 3s 5d) and State, City, County, and other Bonds (£21,368,477 19s 8d), cost of both, £21,272,552 8s 2d, market value	£22,257,984 5 4
Bonds and mortgages (900 first liens)	8,458,173 5 2
Real estate (74 pieces, including twelve office buildings)	3,491,016 10 8
Deposits in trust companies and banks, at interest	2,107,815 11 11
Premium notes and policy loans	1,870,207 0 7
Stocks of banks, trust companies, &c. (£832,884 3s 1d cost value), market value, Dec. 31, 1897	1,042,573 2 8
Loans on stocks and bonds (market value, £1,157,747 19s 10d)	927,441 14 0
Premiums in transit, reserve charged in liabilities	445,328 11 10
Quarterly and semi-annual premiums not yet due, reserve charged in liabilities	388,780 13 0
Interest and rents due and accrued	305,834 13 9
Total	£41,295,152 8 11

LIABILITIES.	
Policy reserve (per attached certificate of New York Insurance Department)	£33,941,580 0 10
All other liabilities—Policy claims, annuities, endowments, &c., awaiting presentment for payment	488,869 5 7
Surplus reserved fund voluntarily set aside by the Company	3,332,495 1 2
Net surplus (per attached certificate insurance superintendent), December 31, 1897	3,531,178 1 4
Total	£41,295,152 8 11

CASH INCOME, 1897.		
New premiums	£1,115,055 8 5	
Renewal premiums	5,415,873 7 7	
Total premiums		£6,530,928 16 0
Consideration for annuities		255,277 0 10
Interest, rents, &c.		1,811,008 10 0
Deposits on account of registered bond policies		2,185 16 0
Total		£8,599,400 2 10

EXPENDITURES, 1897.		
Death claims, less reassurances		£1,980,628 18 1
Matured endowments	£600,744 8 10	
Annuities	301,171 15 10	
Cash dividends	501,025 1 2	
Paid for purchased policies	597,024 13 6	
Instalments paid on trust policies	4,120 3 5	
Total sum paid to living policy-holders		2,004,088 4 9
Commission (£595,650) on new business of £27,892,120, medical examiners' fees, and inspection of risks (£80,480)		747,139 17 11
Home and branch office expenses, taxes, advertising, equipment account, telegraph, postage, commissions on £158,564,942 of old business, and miscellaneous expenditures		981,561 19 9
Balance—Excess of income over expenditures for year		2,876,983 2 2
Total		£8,599,400 2 10

NEW POLICIES PAID FOR IN 1897, 63,708—INSURING £27,892,120.
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THOMAS P. PURVES, A.I.A., General Manager, Department of Australasia.
CHIEF OFFICE: DEPARTMENT OF AUSTRALASIA, 76 PITT-STREET, SYDNEY.
CERTIFICATE of SUPERINTENDENT of STATE of NEW YORK INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

Albany, January 6, 1898.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1898.

The Federal Convention, sitting at Melbourne yesterday, finally adopted the Federal Constitution as embodied in the Commonwealth Bill, the motion being carried with cheers.

Just before closing the sitting Mr. Barton intimated that he should ask the various Governments to supply a summary of the bill to the electors, and in doing this he would take the opportunity of saying a few words recommending the bill to the people of Australia. He would ask other members to do the same.

The concluding meeting of the Convention will be held to-day.

It has been decided by the United States authorities to fortify as a naval base the Tortugas, a group of 10 islets at the entrance to the Gulf of Mexico.

A Reuter's telegram states that the protest reported to have been made by the British Minister at Pekin against the leasing of Port Arthur to Russia is without foundation.

The directors of the Paris International Exhibition of 1900 have allotted 58,880 square feet of space to India and the British colonies, which are expected to erect their own buildings.

It is suggested by the British Commission that a display be collected. Colonial exhibitors, it adds, can obtain remitted space in the British building if they exhibit their goods as British.

Further particulars of the shooting of Mr. Woolf Joel at Johannesburg state that Ludwig Wertheim submitted to Mr. Joel and Mr. Strange, Mr. Joel's manager, a scheme for redressing the grievances of the Uitlanders in the Transvaal.

When money to carry out the scheme was refused him, Wertheim snatched Joel's revolver from a desk, exclaiming "You know too much, and must both die."

Strange at once fired at Wertheim, hitting him in the mouth. The latter then shot Joel in the eye, killing him. He also fired twice at Strange before the clerks burst open the door.

The team of English footballers will leave England for Australia in April, 1899. There was not time to arrange for the visit of a team during the present year.

Information was received in Sydney yesterday by cable from San Francisco to the effect that the police of that city had arrested Lee and Elliott on board the steamer Moana for alleged offences in connection with the Atmospheric Gas Company.

The authorities and the British Consul decided that the men did not come within the scope of the Extradition Act, and they were subsequently released.

Yesterday morning the body of Martin Cusack, the perpetrator of the Rookwood tragedy, was discovered in some scrub-covered country known as the Brickfields, about a mile from the Parramatta station.

An examination of the body disclosed a revolver bullet wound through the heart, and the medical evidence was to the effect that the man had been dead for about three days.

A revolver, with one chamber discharged, was found alongside the body.

At the inquest on the body the jury found that the deceased met his death from the effects of a revolver shot, self-inflicted.

Typhoid fever has broken out at Wilcannia, but so far no serious cases have been reported.

The match between representatives of the Universities of Melbourne and Sydney was continued yesterday on the University oval. The local eleven concluded its first innings for 578 runs, and when stumps were drawn for the day the visitors had lost seven wickets for 130 runs.

CADBURY'S COCOA.
The popular beverage for all seasons.—Advt.

At yesterday's sitting of the Newcastle Marine Board a lengthy letter was read from Captain Neate, master of the steamer Tangier, in reply to a communication from the board demanding an explanation of his action in neglecting to render assistance to the castaways of the brig Minora, which foundered off Broken Bay on January 1.

The board, after a lengthy discussion, resolved to call evidence of masters of vessels who were in the vicinity of Broken Bay on the night of January 1 as to the state of the wind, weather, and sea on that night.

Yesterday the Condobolin railway was officially opened.

The second series of colonial wool sales was opened in London on Tuesday. Prices were irregular. Merinos were firmer, but the bulk of the crossbreds was lower.

Business in investments in the Stock and Share market yesterday was quiet, and prices were without material change. A sale of New South Wales Funded Stock, 4 per cent., was effected at the previous quotation.

A fair amount of business transpired yesterday in the Import market. Breadstuffs were quiet, but there was a continuance of the buoyant tone in tea.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 168 bales of wool were manifested, 20 bales arrived coastwise, and 7 were received by rail at Newcastle on Tuesday.

Business in the Mining market yesterday was very quiet, but at the close of the day several Western Australian gold stocks were firmer.

Yesterday's Customs revenue amounted to £4111.

The R.M.S. China arrived at Colombo, homewards, on the 15th instant.

On the 11th instant the German mail steamer Koningin Luise, from Sydney the 29th January, arrived at Southampton.

The French mail steamer Polynesien left Colombo outwards on the 15th instant.

Yesterday the R.M.S. Australia arrived at Albany from Colombo.

Now that the Federal Convention has concluded its labours, the time is opportune to recognise the value of the services rendered by the delegates sent by the various colonies. It has to be acknowledged that all the colonies have been singularly fortunate in the character and ability of their exponents, and in the high quality of the capacities they brought to bear on the responsible task committed to their hands. The responsibility of the task has been consistently recognised, and the character of the gathering upheld by all the members of the Convention. We need have no fear that the historian of the future, who will find in the Convention proceedings of the past few months material for not the least interesting or important part of the record of nation-making with which he will be called upon to deal, will be able to find fault with the intellectual and political level of the proceedings or of the representatives who took part in them. No one who had the opportunity of listening to the debates could fail to realise the concentrated attention, the argumentative power, and the analytical and constructive skill brought to bear on the duty the delegates were required to discharge. Only now and then are politicians called on to construct constitutions which will shape and mould the political destinies of a community—in this case of a whole continent—perhaps for centuries. The work is something apart from the regular business of legislation. It calls into play a higher set of faculties than those enlisted in the service of local politics, and an order of ability considerably above that which usually goes to make the success of the party politician. But even when assessed by this high standard the colonies have no reason to be dissatisfied with their representatives, and we may regard ourselves as exceptionally fortunate in that so many capable delegates were ready at the popular call to take up this delicate and exacting task of constitution-making. A genuine federal feeling has been throughout a distinctive note of these gatherings of Australian public men. In this they faithfully represented the sentiment of the people who elected them as delegates to the Convention, and it is satisfactory to be able to record that, elected as they were to further federation, they have shown themselves consistently loyal to the electors who sent them into convention. There is no room for doubt as to what the voting at the federal election meant, and what the overwhelming majority of voters intended. This is sufficiently shown by the fact that no avowed enemy or opponent of Federation was elected, though several who announced themselves as something in the nature of discriminating critics offered their services to the public. When a popular vote speaks in this direct way there can be no pretence of misunderstanding what it means, and it has to be said for the delegates to the Convention that their acts and words there showed that they construed the mandate of the people as a charge to further federation by every legitimate means. Of course, this did not exclude the right, and indeed the duty, of delegates to represent the interests of the States that elected them. In the nature of things, a proposal to federate must come into conflict at some point or other with the individual powers or privileges of existing separate States, and one object of the Convention was to give the claims so suggested a fair opportunity of being discussed and considered. The representatives of the smaller States were, therefore, entirely within their right in advocating their case strenuously, just as our own representatives would have done had New South Wales been a small State instead of the oldest, wealthiest, and most populous of the group. We have to remember that the main issue put before the Convention had to be regarded and discussed from five separate points of view, corresponding with the five independent colonies which seek to come into the federation, and, bearing that essential fact of the situation in mind, there is surely no reflection on the sense of justice or the federal feeling of our opponents in the Convention in the fact that they sought to put the case for the smaller colonies as forcibly as possible.

One outstanding effect of the Convention has been to show what kind of men Australia possesses to carry on the Commonwealth Government. It is evident that there is no lack of the proper material. The debates and proceedings of the Convention show a statesmanlike outlook combined with a grasp of detail which will certainly not be at fault when confronted with the larger issues that should properly take up the time of a Federal Parliament. When responsible government was first introduced in New South Wales over forty years ago the lack of this kind of material was found to constitute one of the chief difficulties in the way of, as Carlyle would say, making the Constitution march. The choice of Ministers was restricted to a few really eligible men, and frequent changes of Government bore their own testimony to the want of adequate leadership. But the personnel of the Convention has shown that federation when it comes will not be likely to go to pieces on that particular rock, whatever perils the future may have in store for it. It is not too much to say that some high reputations were made, or at least consolidated, during the recent proceedings in the three capitals. Mr. Reid made an admirable impression, and won Australasian recognition of his abilities, while Mr. Barton, as the mouthpiece of the Convention, showed a serviceable capacity for leadership. The practical ability of Sir George Turner had another opportunity of displaying itself to advantage, and Mr. Isaacs evidenced an instinct for constitutional law which should make him one of the leading legal minds in the Federal Parliament. Mr. Holder's name connects itself with a decidedly marked Australian spirit, while Mr. Symons, though not in the Legislature of his own colony, will certainly be included in the Federal Parliament if good service in the Convention is held to constitute any title to that distinction. Sir John Forrest is also a force to be reckoned upon. With this and other material at its service, Federated Australia should have no difficulty in choosing a Federal Ministry. Our acknowledgment of the services rendered by the delegates as a whole would not be complete if we overlooked the fact that in many if not most cases they willingly left their professions or businesses for a considerable time to discharge the duty their respective colonies imposed upon them. In the case of our own representatives an attempt was made to withdraw the allowance intended to cover personal expenses, but this made no difference, of course, in the alacrity with which our delegates did their work. All made sacrifices to a greater or less degree, and all have loyally performed their part in laying down the lines of a Federal Constitution which, we may expect, will one day give their names a place in the federal archives of the Commonwealth.

The recent procedure of the Public Works Committee in adding another to the sitting days has not passed without public comment. Our correspondent "Taxpayer" shows how this step increases the cost of the Committee, and urges that by lengthening the daily sitting now held the work could be got through. There is much to be said for this contention; and though the days of the Committee, as at present constituted, are numbered, it would have strengthened public confidence by stretching its hours of daily duty instead of adding another day of sitting. Supposing that all the members attend, and including the sectional committee in the country they do attend as a rule, the cost of each day's sitting is no less than £42, the Committee being 13 in number with an honorarium of three guineas each sitting for members, and four guineas for the chairman. That is a good deal to pay for a two-hours meeting in the afternoon from 2 to 4. The Public Works Act of 1888 created the Committee, of which eight members are selected from the Assembly and five from the Council. The Act of 1889 provided the payment of these gentlemen, that important matter having been omitted in the principal Act. Under these measures successive Parliaments have appointed committees who undoubtedly have done good service in threshing out the merits of proposed public works of magnitude, and in checking that lavish expenditure which had been a reproach to our politics and a disorganisation of our public finances. This is one of the statesmanlike measures of the late Sir Henry Parkes, the utility of which few deny, though many wish the cost were not so great. Whatever proposals are made for the discharge of the useful functions of this Committee, it is soon seen that no other machinery could perform them so well. A committee of experts, besides being often unmanageable in the sense that individual professional views rule their deliberations, could not enjoy with Parliament the intrinsic authority or the power of explaining its decisions which a Parliamentary committee possesses. A departmental committee might not be completely above Ministerial dictation. Those who have watched from year to year the work of the Parliamentary Standing Committee must admit that it has done much useful work; it has stood between the Treasury and importunate local demands; by merely delaying proposals it has often led to their improvement or their disappearance, and works constructed with its approval have justified that decision. These are no small advantages. When contrasted with the evils of the system which the Public Works Committee superseded—Parliamentary and local logrolling, political pressure, and wasteful expenditure—the single demerit of the new system is its cost. That cost may not be extravagant when viewed beside the mistakes of the past or the economies of the present, but it is greater than the diminished scale of our public works expenditure justifies. This conviction has obtained much assent. The Legislative Council twice passed bills intended to reduce the numbers and the remuneration of the Committee, but the Assembly did not concur with either attempt at amendment. Early in last session, however, Parliament took in hand a bill to alter matters. It was the bill practically that had emanated from the Council, but it was introduced in the Assembly by Mr. Cann. Its main provisions are three: it reduces the number of members of the committee from 13 to 7, it lowers the remuneration of the members by one guinea per sitting, and it enacts that the new order of things shall only apply when Parliament in a new session has to elect a new Committee. That is practically the form in which the bill emerged from the Assembly, was approved by the Council, and received the Governor's assent. The uncharitable may suppose that the present Committee is making hay while the sun shines; the friends of the Committee will hold that the number and the importance of the proposed public works referred to it require the diligence which is being shown, so that when Parliament meets the Committee can show a clear sheet. However that may be, the passing of the Public Works Further Amendment Act disposes of many of the grievances alleged. The negotiations which have preceded choice of Committees in the past, and which have been so little edifying, will disappear or at least undergo great modification now that the membership of the Committee is no longer such a prize. Similarly, in the work of the Committee it may be expected that the change will make for economy and despatch of business. There will not be so many members to prolong examinations; and every man who has had to manage affairs by committee knows that as a rule the working power of such bodies decreases as the membership grows. Mr. Trickett, when introducing the bill into the Council, made a calculation as to the saving which the reform would effect. He said: "The sittings of the Committee have been held on four days a week for over twelve months, and the number of sittings is not likely to be reduced if the bill is passed. Therefore, it will save in fees £24 5s a day, £105 a week, or £5250 a year." On the score of economy there is no fault to be found with the action of Parliament, which, as it lops off remuneration from members of the Legislature, ought not to have escaped the memory of critics of the Committee as it seems to have done. The only other consideration which affects the public in this connection is whether the new Committee, reduced in numbers and in remuneration, will be as zealous and as effective as was the old. That is for time to answer; but it would be the severest reflection upon Parliament to assume that the Committee will suffer. Nor should we forget that under Sir Henry Parkes's Act of 1888 a Committee was found to discharge its duties without any fees, though that is another extreme to which the colony does not incline.

A sentence in our report of the last meeting of the committee of the Hospital for Children reads:—"Upon the question of lady house surgeons it was decided that ladies shall be eligible as house medical officers." This decision was made by a meeting the majority of which consisted of ladies. There are two or three points about this matter worth notice. The sense of the public will be with the committee in approving of women surgeons in this hospital, for if there is an institution where women should do admirable service it surely is a hospital for children. It is also noticeable that this decision, which is, of course, purely permissive, and does not bind the committee to a mechanical appointment of women graduates, appears to have been arrived at without hesitation, and by a committee the majority of which consisted of ladies. In another colony the committee of a women's hospital has been resolute in the opposite direction. They would not have any doctors of their own sex to treat women patients, and the determination to exclude them does not apply to formal resolutions, but to the annual ballot for the new medical staff. Cases of the kind do much to injure the advance of women's professional education, because they shut out women, whose only disqualification is their sex, from a highly valuable course of practical experience which is open to men, and because they show that while men are willing to afford women every chance of acquiring professional distinction, women themselves are not so liberal. When the opposite step is taken so much as a matter of course as was the decision of the committee of the Children's Hospital the case is welcome as a set-off to illiberality in other quarters; nor is it likely that the interests of the little patients at the Glebe will suffer.

There was a discussion on Monday in the Melbourne City Council over the annual contract for coal, which shows how a local vested interest is built up. A tender for Newcastle coal was put in by the Adelaide Steamship Company at 14s 2d per ton, which was the lowest, and had the recommendation of a committee of council; but there was also a tender from Jumbunna at 14s 3½d per ton. Whether to accept Newcastle or local coal perplexed the council, and the discussion soon became a protectionist demonstration. First there was the appeal to support a local industry and help to keep thriving the "two flourishing towns with an increasing population which had been founded in Gippsland through the coal industry." Then it was said that 1½d per ton was a trifle not worth talking about, and, besides, "Jumbunna coal was found by experts to be equal, and even superior, in all respects to the Newcastle coal." On the other hand, the Mayor made a little speech, when the debate closed. He probably saw the protectionist begging of the question involved in, the assumption that the benefit of a small class justified the increase of the cost of an article of large use. But he declined to argue this question; the council's duty, he said, was to properly manage the citizens' money, and therefore he had to vote for the acceptance of the lowest tender. It was not the case that the difference of 1½d in price only amounted to £31; the amount at stake was £1019. And as to the comparative merits of local and Newcastle coal, he quoted the following statement:—According to a return furnished to the council the quantity of the Adelaide Steamship Company's coal burnt by the corporation in 1896 was 3489 tons, and the quantity of Jumbunna coal burnt in 1897 to do practically the same work was 4061. The average was—Adelaide Steamship Company, 387 tons per month; Jumbunna, 451 tons per month. Thirteen per cent. was the difference in favour of the Newcastle coal for steaming purposes, and by adding another 2 per cent. for the difference in the quantity of coal used, a total difference of 15 per cent. was obtained. His Worship added that more men in shipping would probably be thrown out of work by adopting the Jumbunna tender than the whole number of men engaged in the local industry. The council adopted the Newcastle tender by 17 votes to 10. The case is a very instructive instance of the protectionist argument.

DINNER AT ADMIRALTY HOUSE.—His Excellency the Admiral and Mrs. Pearson entertained a number of guests at dinner at Admiralty House last evening. Among those present were the Hon. A. J. and Mrs. Gould, Major-General and Mrs. French, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, Miss Oliver, Commander Torlesse, R.N. (H.M.S. Royalist), Captain Kyngdon (Permanent Artillery), three officers from the German warship Bussard, Lieutenant Kelly, Flag Lieutenant A. C. Stewart, Mr. Ferguson.

THE FEDERAL CONVENTION.—The Federal Constitution framed by the Commonwealth Bill was adopted by the members of the Convention at 5 o'clock yesterday, the members rising in their places and cheering. The whole of the day was occupied in considering the amendments brought up by the Drafting Committee. There were 400 of these, and they were all approved. The Convention will hold another meeting to-day, when Mr. Barton will make a speech recommending the constitution to the people of Australia, and other delegates will also give addresses. This will be the last meeting of the Convention.

VISIT OF THE PREMIER TO MORUYA.—At the request of Mr. Millard, M.L.A., the Premier had arranged to pay a visit to several centres in the Moruya electorate before Parliament met. Mr. Reid now finds that he cannot carry out this programme before Parliament assembles, but he hopes to make an early visit to the electorate while Parliament is sitting.

THE NEW AGENT-GENERAL FOR QUEENSLAND.—Sir Horace Tozer and Lady Tozer yesterday left by the Orient Company's Ormuz for London. Sir Horace was seen off by a large party of old friends.

COLONEL LASSETTER AND THE MOUNTED RIFLES.—In connection with the rumour mentioned in yesterday's "Herald" to the effect that Colonel Lassetter contemplated resigning the command of the Mounted Rifles, it has transpired that the rumour was founded on a correspondence that has passed between the Colonel and the military authorities in regard to a question of seniority. It appears that in the general orders issued about a fortnight ago it was announced that Colonel Smith, R.A., would command the Mounted Brigade at the forthcoming encampment. The question of the claims of Colonel Lassetter to the position has naturally arisen, and in view of the action of the Government the Colonel has, it has been stated, forwarded his resignation. It is generally considered in military circles that Colonel Lassetter will be asked to reconsider his determination.

THE FEDERAL REFERENDUM AND THE GENERAL ELECTIONS.—The probability that it will not be found possible to hold the referendum on the Commonwealth Constitution Bill till about the middle or even towards the end of June next, has given rise to the impression that the Government in this colony intends to take the federal vote on the same day as the polling for the general elections. This, however, is a mistake. The fixing of a date for the voting on the Commonwealth Bill is a matter in which four other colonies as well as New South Wales have a voice, and their convenience as well as ours has to be consulted in order to secure a simultaneous vote in all the colonies. No announcement of the date of the federal vote has yet been made, but it seems pretty certain that it will not be till towards the end of June. As the Premier pledged himself in the House not to take the federal referendum on the same day as the polling for the general elections, it is obvious that the latter event cannot very well take place till July. Commenting on the matter yesterday Mr. Reid said: "I am under an obligation not to take a vote on the Commonwealth Bill at the same time as the general elections. I pledged myself on that point to the Opposition in the House, and Mr. Lyne thanked me for the assurance. If the Opposition would agree to the federal vote being taken on the same day as the polling for the general elections it would be another matter, but at present I am bound to adhere to my pledge. My impression is that the general election day would be the best for securing a positive vote on the Commonwealth Bill—that is to say, a representative vote. There would be a bigger vote, and therefore a better chance for the bill. It would absolutely secure a fair opportunity of getting an expression of the voice of the people on the bill, but, as "Hansard" shows in the debate on the bill increasing the number of votes to be cast in favour of the Federal Constitution from 50,000 to 80,000, "I gave a distinct pledge that I would not take the federal vote on the general election day. The date of the general election is not settled, and cannot possibly be settled so far ahead."

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.—Yesterday afternoon the Public Works Committee gave further consideration to the proposed harbour works on the Tweed River. Mr. T. T. Ewing, M.L.A., presided. Mr. Darley, Engineer-in-Chief for Public Works, gave evidence in regard to the engineering aspects of the undertaking. Mr. Trickett gave notice to move,—"That a sectional committee, consisting of Messrs. Roberts, H. Clarke, Lee, Hassall, and Trickett, be appointed to inspect, take evidence, and report with reference to the proposed harbour works at the Tweed River."

AGRICULTURE NORTH OF MOREE.—Mr. W. S. Campbell, of the Agricultural Department, has returned from his tour of inspection through the country between Moree and the Queensland border. Acting under instructions from Mr. Sydney Smith, Minister for Agriculture, he went up to report on the country for the Lands Department with special reference to its suitability for agricultural settlement. Mr. Campbell's trip led him chiefly through what is known as the Brigalow country. He describes it as splendid land, and is convinced that this portion of New South Wales will eventually become a very important agricultural centre. On the road from Boggabilla to Moree, not many miles from the Queensland border, Mr. Campbell discovered some specimens of the Nagoora burr growing on the roadside. This weed is a very injurious pest, and has probably been brought to this colony by travelling stock. It is closely allied to the Bathurst burr, but it grows into a bush about 5ft. or 6ft. high, and it will be a serious pest if it spreads through the district. So far only a few plants have been noted. The weed was shown to the road superintendent, and he will no doubt take steps to have them cut down. Mr. Campbell says he was sorry to find the Queensland fruit fly very prevalent in peaches, apples, and quinces in the Moree district.

RAILWAY TENDERS.—The Railway Department has received tenders for a number of supplies, including the construction and supply of 60 steel coal boxes, 10 tenders, lowest James Connolly, £163 10s; the construction of station buildings at Blackheath, 6 tenders, lowest W. J. Green, £649 17s 7d; the construction of three cast-iron water tanks, 3 tenders, lowest Pope, Maher, and Co., £234 16s; the supply of lamp chimneys for the year ending June 30, 1899, 6 tenders. The requirements of the department mean an estimated quantity of about 25,000 lamp chimneys a year.

THE WEATHER.—A very perceptible fall in the temperature has taken place generally in the colony within the last few days. Yesterday the inland temperatures ranged between 70° and 80° as the maximum, while the lowest readings were down to freezing point at Kiandra. At Bathurst the record was 39°, Bombala 36°, Cooma 37°, Nimitybelle 31°, Rockley 36°. The grass readings at Sydney were—Sunday 51·7, Monday 62·0, Tuesday 48·8, and yesterday 47°. No rain fell yesterday within the colony.

THE NEXT ENGLISH MAIL.—The mails dated London, February 18, Italy the 20th, Colombo March 6, Albany, W.A., the 16th, per P. and O. Company's steamer Australia, will be received on Tuesday next.

MAILS AND MAIL STEAMERS.—The Orient liner Ormuz left for London at noon yesterday with the largest number of passengers that has gone by a liner this season. Quite 1000 people were down to see her off. The band of the Ormuz was in evidence, and was appreciated. The P. and O. Company's Australia arrived yesterday at 10 a.m. at Albany from London, with mails to the 18th ultimo—a 26 days' delivery. Allowing three days to Adelaide, this would bring the Australia there on Saturday, and mails at Sydney next Tuesday. The French mail steamer Polynesien, from Marseilles, left Colombo on the 15th instant; and the German mail steamer Koenigin Luise, from Sydney January 29, arrived at Southampton on the 14th instant, a week ahead of contract time.

MEAT EXPORT.—The steamer Port Chalmers, that will leave here to-day for London, is taking a shipment of 30,000 carcases of mutton, and the Gulf of Bothnia, also sailing to-day, has a like quantity.

TASMANIAN FRUIT FOR LONDON.—Besides the larger shipments of green fruit which are being carried to London by the mail steamers of the P. and O. and Orient lines, Messrs. A. M'Arthur, managing agents for the Gulf line, have arranged to send the Gulf of Bothnia to Hobart for 7500 cases.

SALVATION ARMY CONGRESS.—The real purpose for which the Salvation Army officers have gathered in consultation, as to the affairs of the army and its future prospects and mutual encouragement in spiritual work, was entered upon yesterday. Three meetings were held during the day, and at each Commandant and Mrs. Booth were in charge. The proceedings were entirely private.

SHARKS IN IRON COVE BAY.—Another of those exciting incidents in connection with the presence of sharks in Iron Cove Bay occurred on Tuesday afternoon close by the Municipal Baths at Kikington Park, Balmain. A well-known resident, Mr. Arthur Fitzmaurice, visited this spot late in the afternoon with a water spaniel. He threw a piece of wood out seven or eight yards from the piles of the baths, when, as the dog was in the act of taking hold of it, a shark caught hold of the dog, biting one of its legs off.

DEATH OF MR. M. BAAR.—This old colonist passed away yesterday at the ripe age of 78 years, having been able to attend to his business up to within a few days of his death. Over 40 years ago he was a merchant in Sydney, being a partner in the firm of Messrs. Stern, Baar, and Franz. Subsequently he left the colony and carried on business in Bradford, England. Within the past 20 years, however, he returned to Sydney, and has since been an importer, chiefly of rice, tea, and other Eastern produce. Mr. Baar was a man of genial and affable disposition, and consequently well liked by those with whom he was brought into relation. Mr. Baar leaves a widow and one married daughter (Mrs. F. Aronson).

SUDDEN DEATH IN THE DOMAIN.—A widow named Elizabeth Corcoran, residing at Victoria-street, Darlinghurst, whilst walking in the Domain yesterday afternoon, being accompanied by friends, died suddenly. The deceased was removed to the Sydney Hospital, where life was found to be extinct.

The secretary of the Royal Agricultural Society has received an intimation from the Commissioners for Railways that in compliance with his suggestion trains will be run on the Northern, Western, and Southern lines at excursion rates for the accommodation of exhibitors, the Northern train leaving for Sydney on Wednesday, 30th instant, and the Western and Southern trains on Thursday, 31st instant. On the South Coast line the first excursion train will reach Sydney on the morning of April 6.

The Baulkham Hills branch of the Fruitgrowers' Association met on Monday evening, when a letter was received from the Post and Telegraph Department approving of a telephone service at Baulkham Hills, but refusing a postal delivery, as the receipts would not justify the expenditure.

In another column Mr. Richard Adams announces that he is a candidate for election to the Transit Commission.

Bishop Stone-Wigg, the newly-consecrated Bishop of New Guinea, visited the King's School on Tuesday afternoon.

In a supplement to the "Government Gazette," issued yesterday, it is notified that R. H. V. Allnutt, clerk of petty sessions at Quirindi, has been appointed electoral registrar for the Quirindi electorate, whilst N. Black, clerk of petty sessions at Maitland West, has been appointed to a similar position in the West Maitland electorate.

Last night following upon the arrival of the shipwrecked crews of the British ship Falls of Garry, and the Danish barque Professor, from New Caledonia, the Sailors' Home had an era of extra business about it. The influx of lodgers has filled Captain Munro's quarters.

At the committee meeting of the Commercial Travellers' Association held on Saturday, the 12th instant, Mr. H. Everett was appointed to the vacant secretaryship of the association, and the following gentlemen as delegates to the conference of the United Commercial Travellers' Association, to be held in Brisbane at Easter next:—Messrs. W. A. Hudson (president), J. F. Flockart (ex-president), and W. J. Douglass (hon. treasurer).

At the meeting of the debating societies held in the School of Arts on Tuesday evening the amendment, that the provisional general committee should consist of one delegate from each society, was moved by Mr. Ninian Melville and seconded by Mr. J. Assendry.

At the conclusion of a lecture given by Mr. Alfred Allen, J.P., upon "John Bright," England's orator, in the Waverley Hall, Waverley, on Monday evening, Mr. James Green, the chairman, on behalf of a number of residents in Waverley, presented Mr. Allen with two handsomely-bound volumes of the life and letters of the Right Hon. John Bright, M.P.

An inter-club debate is announced to be held in the Newtown Town Hall to-morrow evening.

We have received a copy of the first number of "The Sculptor," which is issued from the well-known establishment of Unwin Brothers, London. The work, as its name implies, deals solely with sculpture as one of the arts.

Yesterday the members of the old Woollahra Volunteer Fire Brigade held a picnic at Sandringham to celebrate the termination of their existence as a brigade. The picnic was organised by Captain Byrnes, and included amongst those present—Major Neild, M.L.A. (trustee), Mr. Burrows (the founder of the brigade at Woollahra), Mr. E. J. Love (the representative of the volunteers on the Metropolitan Fire Brigade Board), Captain G. Broadhurst (secretary of the Volunteer Firemen's Association); also several members of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, and the wives and families of the men, who were conveyed to the ground in three 'buses. Upon arrival cricket and various other games were engaged in, and refreshments were provided.

Mr. H. T. Douglass addressed a gathering of the electors of Lang Division at the corner of Erskine and Clarence streets last evening. Mr. Fox presided. The candidate announced that he was contesting the election in the nationalist interest, and enunciated a policy evidently intended to secure the support of the workers, although it was apparent from the speaker's remarks that he held no high opinion of the present Parliamentary labour party.

On Tuesday six cases of pears from Hobart were condemned by the Agricultural Department as being diseased.

Edward Pritchard, a carter in the employ of Messrs. Anthony Hordern and Sons, and residing at 12 Elizabeth-street, Camperdown, was thrown from his cart at Waroonga yesterday afternoon, sustaining severe injuries and shock. He was conveyed by rail to Milson's Point, and the Civil Ambulance and Transport Brigade took him to the Sydney Hospital.

Yesterday a boy named William Mallon, residing at Trouton-street, and attending the Gladstone Park Superior Public School, Balmain, while in the school grounds was knocked down and broke his left thigh.

A considerable quantity of property supposed to be stolen was yesterday found in a house in Sussex-street by Plain-clothes Constables Bennett and Murdoch, of No. 2 Station. Some tools branded "M'Credie Brothers" are thought to have been stolen from the establishment of that firm in M'Arthur-street, Ultimo, which was entered by thieves during last week. Several oilskin coats found in the house have been identified as the property of Mr. John Tanner, of 127 Liverpool-street, whose shop was recently visited by burglars. A quantity of cutlery which formed part of the miscellaneous collection has not been identified.

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

THE UNITED STATES AND SPAIN.

FURTHER WAR PREPARATIONS.

LONDON, March 15.

The United States authorities have decided to fortify, as a naval base, the Tortugas, a group of 10 keys or islets at the entrance to the Gulf of Mexico.

Mines have been laid off Sandy Hook, at the entrance to New York Harbour.

March 16.

Mr. G. W. Smalley, the New York correspondent of the "Times," states that words of peace are oftenest heard from men known to be among President M'Kinley's trusted advisers.

Reports from Madrid state that public feeling in that city is in favour of peace.

THE SOUDAN CAMPAIGN.

RAPID ADVANCE OF THE DERVISHES.

LONDON, March 16.

Reports from Berber state that the forces under the command of Mahmud, the Dervish General, and Osman Digna, left Shendy, on the Nile, between Metemmeh and Omdurman, on the 12th instant, and are rapidly advancing northwards.

The Askaris from Kassala have captured a Dervish position beyond the Atbara River. The Dervishes lost 20 men during the fight, and the son of Osman Digna, the leader of the Dervish troops, narrowly escaped being captured by the victors.

THE TRANSVAAL.

THE BRITISH SUZERAINTY.

LONDON, March 16.

The "Times" states that a full meeting of the Transvaal Volksraad was held at President Kruger's house, at which strong opinions were expressed against the British suzerainty. The Government was authorised to take advantage of any British complication elsewhere to renounce the suzerainty.

LORD SALISBURY'S HEALTH.

LONDON, March 16.

Sir William H. Broadbent, the eminent physician, who is attending Lord Salisbury, expects that the Premier will leave London in a week's time for complete rest and change, and adds that he is not likely to return to the Foreign Office until after Easter.

THE PARIS EXHIBITION.

COLONIAL AND INDIAN EXHIBITS.

LONDON, March 15.

The directors of the Paris International Exhibition of 1900 have allotted 58,880 square feet to India and the British colonies, which are expected to erect their own buildings.

The British Commission suggests the collecting of a display. Colonial exhibitors, it adds, can obtain remitted space in the British building if they exhibit their goods as British.

THE PLAGUE IN BOMBAY.

LONDON, March 16.

The health authorities in Bombay have by way of experiment abolished the system of sending out search parties in connection with the operations for the suppression of the plague, leaving it to the head men of the various districts to report suspicious cases of sickness. Instructions have also been given that the funerals of plague victims are not to be delayed.

LONDON WOOL SALES.

LONDON, March 15.

The second series of colonial wool sales was opened this evening.

Prices were irregular. Merinos were firmer, but the bulk of the crossbreds was lower.

March 16.

Messrs. Buxton and Ronald, Balme and Co., and Jacomb, Son, and Co. offered catalogues aggregating 10,323 bales, comprising an excellent selection. There was a large attendance of home and Continental buyers, but only a few American houses were represented.

The prices for merinos were from par to 5 per cent. above the closing rates of the February sales; faulties and scoured showed the greatest rise. Medium and low crossbreds were from par to 5 per cent. lower, finest crossbreds being 5 per cent. higher.

VISIT OF AN ENGLISH FOOTBALL TEAM.

LONDON, March 15.

The team of English footballers organised by Mr. Mullineux will leave London for Australia in April, 1899. There was not time to arrange for the visit of a team during the present year.

TO-DAY.

Sydney Women's Prayer Union Meeting, Baptist Schoolroom, Bathurst-street, 3 p.m.
Early Closing Public Meeting, Unity Hall, corner Darling-street, Balmain, 8 p.m.
L.O.L., No. 3, Derry : Meeting, St. Paul's Schoolroom, 8 p.m.
New South Wales Chamber of Mines : Special Meeting, Equitable-building, 8 p.m.
Meeting to Arrange for Miss Connie Usher's Concert, Australia Hotel, 8 p.m.
Coogee Aquarium : Dancing and Entertainment from 10 a.m. till 11 p.m.
St. Patrick's Day Sports, Sydney Cricket Ground, commencing at 11.30.
Lillie Bridge Pony and Trotting Races, To-night.
St. Patrick's Day Concert, Town Hall, 8 p.m.
Kensington Races : First Race, 2.15 p.m.
Engineering Association of New South Wales : General Meeting, Society's Rooms, Union-chambers, 70 Pitt-street, 8 p.m.
St. Patrick's Night : Social at Athol Gardens. Steamers from Circular Quay at 7.45.
Inter-University Cricket Match : University Oval, con.
Her Majesty's Theatre : "The Manxman," 8 p.m.
Opera House : "Tracked Down," 8 p.m.
Lyceum Theatre : "A Terror of Paris," 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre : Harry Rickards's Variety Company, 8 p.m.
The Cyclorama : Opposite Redfern Railway Station.
Polytechnic and Rontgen Ray Exhibition, 89 King-street.
Pitt-street Literary and Social Union Meeting, Congregational School Hall, 8 p.m.

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THE FAR EAST.

THE RUSSIANS AT PORT ARTHUR.

LONDON, March 15.

A Reuter's telegram states that the protest reported to have been made by Sir Claude MacDonald, K.C.B., the British Minister at Pekin, against the leasing of Port Arthur to Russia, is without foundation.

RUSSIA AND COREA.

LANDING OF MARINES AT CHEMULPO.

LONDON, March 16.

A force of Russian marines landed at Chemulpo, Corea, and proceeded to Seoul, the capital.

The marines took with them a large quantity of stores.

THE TRANSVAAL TRAGEDY.

SCHEME FOR REDRESSING UITLANDERS' GRIEVANCES.

LONDON, March 15.

Further particulars of the shooting of Mr. Woolf Joel at Johannesburg state that Ludwig Wertheim submitted to Mr. Joel and Mr. Strange, Mr. Joel's manager, a scheme for redressing the grievances of the Uitlanders in the Transvaal. When money to carry out the scheme was refused him, Wertheim snatched Joel's revolver from a desk, exclaiming, "You know too much and must both die."

Strange immediately fired at Wertheim, hitting him in the mouth. The latter then shot Joel in the eye, killing him. He also fired twice at Strange before the clerks in the office burst open the door.

RAILWAY FROM BRITISH BURMAH.

LONDON, March 16.

At a conference of the Associated Chambers of Commerce held to-day it was resolved to urge upon the Government to press China, with a view of obtaining permission to construct a railway from a point in British Burmah to a position in the Upper Yang-tse-Kiang Valley.

A UNITED BREWERIES' COMPANY.

LONDON, March 16.

The United Breweries' Company of Western Australia has been formed with a capital of £150,000, of which £65,000 is being issued in 6 per cent. preference shares, and £36,667 in ordinary shares. The company is formed to purchase breweries at Stanley, Perth, and the port of Fremantle.

THE HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION.

LONDON, March 16.

Throughout Hungary yesterday the fiftieth anniversary of the revolution of 1848 was celebrated with great rejoicing

THE TALLOW MARKET.

LONDON, March 16.

At the weekly auctions of Australasian tallow 1175 casks were offered, of which 775 casks were sold. Prices of all kinds are unchanged.

SILVER.

LONDON, March 16.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 1⅝d per ounce standard.

OBITUARY.

SIR HENRY BESSEMER.

LONDON, March 16.

The death is announced of Sir Henry Bessemer, F.R.S., the eminent civil engineer and inventor, whose name is inseparably connected with the development of the steel industry. He was in his 85th year.

Sir Henry Bessemer was celebrated for his new and cheap process of rapidly making steel from pig-iron by blowing a blast of air through it when in a state of fusion, so as to clear it of all carbon, and then adding just the requisite quantity of carbon to produce steel, a process which revolutionised the steel-making trade. He was knighted in 1879.

It may be truly said that in no part of the world has the Bessemer process been developed to the extent and with the energy that marked its progress in America. In several parts of the United States, where nature has richly endowed them with those aids to civilization, coal and iron, manufacturing cities have been established to which by common consent the name of Bessemer has been given.

ARRIVAL OF THE AUSTRALIA.

ALBANY, Wednesday.

The P. and O. mail steamer Australia, I. Reeves commander, arrived from Colombo at 10 a.m. to-day with the following passengers :—

For Albany : Reade, Hobson, Stafford, Larpent, and Gilbert.

For Adelaide : Barr Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Pope.

For Melbourne : M'Pherson, Rolker, Hasler, Mrs. Collins, Misses Shackles, Solomon, and Lady Solomon.

For Sydney : Mr. and Mrs. Osborne and family, Mr. and Mrs. De Salis, Mr. and Mrs. Williams and infant, Opie, M'Alister, Elliott, M'Cully (2), Mr. and Mrs. Bryant, Wyllie, Mr. and Mrs. Higgins and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, Horne, Hackett, Faine, Holder (2), Mr. and Mrs. Milner and family, Mr. and Mrs. Glazebrook, Varirnen, Misses Robinson, Lart, Cumbell, the Bishop of Newcastle, Rev. Canon Beaumont, Mesdames Lart and Blagrave.

For Brisbane : Miss Wilkinson.

For New Zealand : Miss Silmer, Mr. Corser.

The Australia sailed for Adelaide at 1 p.m.

MR. B. R. WISE AT WYALONG.

WEST WYALONG, Wednesday.

Mr. B. R. Wise, one of the Federal Convention delegates, delivered an address on federation last night from the Metropolitan Hotel verandah. There was a large assemblage. Mr. A. J. Kelly was voted to the chair. He briefly introduced Mr. Wise, who spoke for two hours, dealing with all the important clauses of the Convention Bill. He was continually applauded, and implored all voters to record their votes in favour of federation. He expressed the opinion that the federal city would be in New South Wales. The Rev. Mr. Fogarty moved, and Mr. J. G. Gough seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr. Wise for his address. The motion was carried by acclamation.

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

LORD BRASSEY'S VISIT TO PERTH.

PERTH, Wednesday.

The Governor has replied to the letter of the City Council regarding the arrangements for Lord Brassey's visit, about which the council and Governor have been somewhat at issue. His Excellency expresses himself unable to discern that the very proper telegram sent by Sir John Forrest to the Mayor on the subject of the visit would bear the construction that Lord Brassey's visit was other than a private one. In pursuance of an arrangement of some standing he wishes the City Council to be assured he adheres to his intention to do what lies in his power to afford them and the citizens of Perth every reasonable opportunity of welcoming Lord and Lady Brassey. With that object he again submits his first proposals with some emendations, and suggests that Lord Brassey should be welcomed by the council on arrival on March 30, and after a reception and banquet at the Town Hall proceed to the Governor's marine residence at Rottnest Island in the afternoon of the same day. Again Lord Brassey could visit Perth on April 1, leaving for Albany in the evening after a civic reception.

KALGOORLIE, Tuesday.

The committee of the Alluvial Rights Association has decided to instruct its solicitor to apply for a habeas corpus to bring the men sent to gaol before the Supreme Court. The lawyers on the field almost generally hold that the Warden acted outside the powers of the Goldfields Act. A deputation has been appointed to wait on the Premier when passing through Kalgoorlie on his way to the Menzies railway opening. Men are still working at Ivanhoe Venture.

DESTRUCTION OF AN AMERICAN MAN-OF-WAR.

TERRIBLE NAVAL DISASTER.

THE MAINE BLOWN UP IN HAVANA HARBOUR.

APPALLING LOSS OF LIFE.

LONDON (via ALBANY), Feb 18.

The United States armoured cruiser Maine was blown up in the harbour of Havana about quarter to 10 o'clock on Tuesday night. The entire city of Havana was thrown into a state of great excitement by the sound of a terrific explosion, followed by a red reflection in the sky, of what seemed to be a great conflagration somewhere in the harbour. The ground was shaken, and houses trembled as though the city had been struck by an earthquake. A rumour was spread that the Spanish cruiser Alfonso XII. was fighting the American warship. But the Alfonso XII., whose position in the harbour was known to all, turned her big search-lights on the crowded quays, and so demonstrated that she was safe. About a quarter of a mile away from the Spanish cruiser a big vessel was seen blazing, and that it was in dire distress was apparent from the fact that boats had put off from every vessel in the harbour to its assistance. It was 10.30 before it became generally known that the ill-fated vessel was the great American cruiser Maine. Long before that the cruiser had disappeared from view. She had foundered at her moorings.

What actually occurred on board the Maine has been most clearly described by one of the officers. Most of the officers, he said, had obtained leave to accept invitations to a dinner on board another American vessel in the harbour, and were therefore absent when the disaster occurred. The men were in their bunks asleep. The Maine was at anchor, but her fires were alight. Precisely at a quarter to 10 o'clock a fearful explosion occurred. It seemed to come from the main stoke hold, and nobody on board doubted but that one of the boilers had exploded. The cruiser strained at her anchors, and her plates appeared to bulge at the same time. Flames burst out in two or three places, as though the furnaces had scattered their contents in all directions. Bugles sounded the alarm, and scores of men rushed on deck. They were first ordered to their stations, but almost immediately there was another and even more tremendous explosion, the flames having reached the magazine. Great holes were torn in the cruiser's side and bottom, and she began quickly to settle down. Efforts were at once directed to getting out the boats, and while some of the men were so engaged a third explosion occurred. Then Captain Sigsbee ordered a sauve qui peut. All round the doomed vessel flocked boats and steam launches, so that most of those who threw themselves into the sea from the sinking vessel were picked up without difficulty. Most of the boats, it must be said, kept at a respectful distance from the burning vessel, for explosions continued to occur as the furious flames reached magazine after magazine. The boats and launches from the Spanish warships, especially those from the Alfonso XII., moored hard by, most gallantly stood almost alongside, and it was owing to their heroic conduct that so many lives were saved. The Spanish cruiser, too, rendered valuable assistance by the skilful manner in which she kept her search lights full upon the Maine. This was the only light by which those on board could work, for the Maine's own electric light was extinguished after the second explosion.

The crowds on the quays were greatly excited and terrified by the sight of the burning ship, and there were repeated wild stampedes, in which many persons were injured as explosion after explosion occurred. At the first alarm on shore the fire brigade and garrison were turned out, and complete preparations made for maintaining order in the city. The commander of the Maine spoke in high praise of the gallantry of Captain Sigsbee, who absolutely refused to leave the sinking ship until the last man known to be alive had left. The commander also paid a tribute to his brother officers, between whom and their captain there was a generous dispute, the former wishing to remain by their chief, and the latter insisting upon their leader leaving him to his duty. The unselfish dispute was only terminated by the officers of Alfonso XII. courteously pointing out the imperative necessities of the situation.

The injured in the hospitals were found to be in a lamentable condition, most of them being so dreadfully scalded and burned that the flesh hung from their bones. Broken limbs were also numerous. Captain Sigsbee is said to regard the disaster as being caused by a defective dynamo, producing a short current. An eye-witness states that at the moment of the accident something was seen to rise to a great height near the Maine, and the inference drawn by experts in New York from this is that this could only have been an immense mass of water raised by the explosion of a torpedo.

The State Department at Washington received a despatch from General Lee, United States Consul-General at Havana, stating that the explosion on the Maine occurred well forward, under the men's quarters, thus explaining the great loss of life. The incident formed the topic of discussion at a meeting of the foreign committee of the Senate. Though not officially before the committee the matter was nevertheless allowed to displace all other business. The general opinion of the committee was to the effect that the occurrence was of serious import, and might result in grave complications. After the meeting Mr. Lodge said, "It is too serious a matter to talk about at present." Mr. Cullom said, "I cannot see how the explosion could have been the result of an accident, and I think the time is rapidly approaching when the United States must do something." Mr. Clarke said, "It is singular that such accidents happen at such opportune times."

The following semi-official note was published at Madrid on Wednesday :—"News of the disaster to the Maine has produced a painful impression in Madrid. It was first feared that the catastrophe might be attributable to some rash act, but afterwards, as details were received, these fears were dissipated, and were transformed into feelings of sympathy and sorrow for the misfortune that had happened. The captain-general of Cuba, the commandant of Havana arsenal, the sailors of the cruiser Alfonso XII., which was at anchor a short distance away, and the crews of merchant vessels lying in the harbour, as well as all available forces, hastened to the assistance of the injured. The Government has expressed to General Woodford its regret at the catastrophe, especially in view of the fact that it occurred in waters that are within Spain's jurisdiction. An admiral in full uniform has called upon General Woodford on behalf of the Minister of Marine, and the Government has telegraphed to the authorities in Cuba to do everything possible to relieve the distress of the wounded, and to give the officers and men of the Maine everything they require."

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SECOND EDITION.

GREAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

REMARKABLE DEMONSTRATIONS OF GOOD FEELING.

LONDON, March 16.

Remarkable demonstrations of good feeling towards Great Britain are general in the United States. "God Save the Queen" is sung in many of the New York theatres.

BRITAIN'S NAVAL STRENGTH.

LONDON, March 16.

The Hon. T. A. Brassey, speaking at a meeting held at Tunbridge Wells, said that Great Britain was now well able to meet any two powers in naval combat, and she could hold her own against the allied forces of Russia, Germany, and France.

ENGLISH CRICKET TEAMS FOR AUSTRALIA.

NEW METHOD OF SELECTION.

LONDON, March 16.

The Secretary of the County Cricket Association, with the concurrence of several of his colleagues, suggests that the Marylebone Cricket Club should select future English cricket teams for Australia in preference to the present haphazard method of selection.

RETURN OF MR. PLAYFORD.

LONDON, March 16.

Mr. Thomas Playford, the retiring Agent-General for South Australia, will return to Australia, via Vancouver, at the end of May. He will reach Adelaide at the end of July.

QUEENSLAND.

CONDEMNATION OF SUGAR BOUNTIES.

MACKAY, Wednesday.

A meeting of delegates appointed by the Chamber of Commerce, the Pioneer River Farmers' Association, and the sugar manufacturers was held to-day to consider what steps should be taken to support the Anti-Bounty League in London. It was decided to carry out an active programme, which will include an endeavour to get the co-operation of all the sugar-producing districts. It was also decided to form a fund for this purpose by a levy on the farmers of one farthing per ton on all cane crushed, and the same amount on the manufacturers of every ton of sugar produced. The Minister for Agriculture, who was present at the meeting, spoke strongly in favour of strengthening the hands of those in Great Britain in fighting for the abolition of the sugar bounties and the imposition of countervailing duties.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Madame Albani and her company opened a season at the Jubilee Exhibition this evening to an overflowing and appreciative audience. The enthusiasm displayed was most marked, and every time the diva appeared she was rapturously applauded.

TASMANIA.

HOBART, Wednesday.

The half-yearly meeting of the Commercial Bank was held to-day. The balance-sheet showed a profit including recoveries of £11,586, with £4352 for distribution, thus :—Dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, £3537 6s 3d ; dividend tax, £176 17s 3d ; £176 balance carried forward. Mr. Charles E. Walch was re-elected a director. There was no other candidate.

NEW ZEALAND.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

Mary Ramsbottom, a young girl, accused of murdering her infant child by leaving it to die of starvation and exposure, was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

The death is announced of Mr. W. B. Mountfort, architect, of Christchurch, a very old identity, who came out in one of the first four ships.

The barquentine St Kilda is ashore at Wanganui, and lies in a bad position. She is valued at £1500.

Mr. G. Harmston had his ankle crushed severely by a horse rolling on him while performing at Fitzgerald's Circus.

TOWN HALL INQUIRY.

A SHORT SITTING.

INDIGNANT MUSICIANS.

The City Council, sitting as a committee of investigation into the working of departments at the Town Hall and the duties of officers, resumed its inquiry yesterday. There were present—Alderman M. Harris, M.L.A. (Mayor), Aldermen Dean, J. Harris, Fowler, M.L.C., M. Chapman, Landers, Smail, Norton, Lees, Beare, Penny, Booth, H. Chapman, Jessep, M.L.A., Rainford, and Jeanneret.

At the request of Alderman Norton, Mr. T. H. Massey was called. Mr. Massey said he was organist of Christ Church, North Sydney. He had come to rebut aspersions on Sydney musicians. He played once on the organ, when Mr. Wiegand went away, after two days' practice. He found it the easiest keyboard he had ever played on. It had all the latest improvements, and everything could be done so easily. To manipulate the stops it was only necessary to press the buttons. The "Sydney Morning Herald" gave him the credit of being master of the instrument. With three days' notice there were half a dozen organists in Sydney who could give recitals. There were Mr. Sykes, Mr. Truman, Mr. J. Massey himself, Mr. Wale, and Mr. E. J. Massey. Since Mr. Wiegand had been here the students of the organ had not had any encouragement to improve their musical education. An organist who took the trouble could get hundreds of fine effects quite different from what Mr. Wiegand did.

To Alderman M. Chapman : For the man who came to open the organ he thought the salary now paid was not too large. Nor did he think that for a man who came such a distance, and who devoted his whole time to the position, the salary would be too large. But if he did take another position the salary was too large.

To Alderman J. Harris : Mr. Wiegand was a clever organist, but he should not deny that there were good organists in Sydney.

Mr. C. Richardson, head of an organ manufacturing firm here, in answer to Alderman Norton, said he was a son of the head of the firm of the same name in London, and had had training in other firms, amongst them Hill and Son, the builders of the organ. He had been established in the colony for 15 years, and had erected organs in many churches here. He knew all about the organ, but he had not had the opportunity of examining it. He could tune the organ if he was given the opportunity, and could build a similar organ to it. He could provide a man to go to the organ and tune it. If he was a man who knew his business he would become acquainted with the organ in half a day. For a good man £100 a year was a liberal salary for a tuner. Mr. Wiegand had asked him to build an organ. Plans were made, but it was not proceeded with for reasons given.

Mr. A. Rea said he was an experienced organist. Mr. Wiegand was a dexterous player of the French school. England was the home of the organ player and the organ builder. Englishmen did not engage foreigners to play their organs. He was of opinion that we had able players in our midst. We had a number of organists here who could play the city organ. There was nothing in the construction of the organ to prevent a competent organist, of which they had a number in Sydney, supposing an opportunity was given for practice, from giving recitals. He himself had played on the organ for 12 months after it was constructed. He thought £500 a year was a good salary. He thought the organist of St. George's Hall, Liverpool, England, received £400 a year, but it must be remembered that an organist in England had many more opportunities for adding to his salary than he would have in New South Wales. He did not wish to depreciate Mr. Wiegand's ability, but he protested against his assumption of immeasurable superiority.

The committee at 1 o'clock adjourned till 11 o'clock this morning.

VICTORIA.

THE SHOOTING ACCIDENT.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Bertie Douglas, the victim of the shooting accident yesterday, is still living, but is in a precarious condition. The bullet was located in the brain by the aid of the Rontgen rays. No attempt has yet been made to remove it. It is stated that the accident happened through Douglas using his rifle as a walking-stick. His parents are very wealthy, and young Douglas, who is the only son, inherits £100,000 on reaching his majority. The marriage of his sister, which was to have taken place yesterday, was to have been celebrated a year ago, but was put off for 12 months owing to the death of her youngest sister.

For some time past the Customs Department has had on hand a shipment of 45,000 tins of salmon, which were declared to be unfit for human consumption, but which the public health authorities had no power to destroy, unless each tin was opened and condemned. As a way out of the difficulty, the shipment will be offered by auction on Friday, and if sold, which is unlikely, the Health Department will step in and prevent its being offered to the public. If not sold it will be confiscated by the Customs Department and destroyed.

Sir George Dibbs sailed to-night in the Austral for Sydney. His health has improved.

Mr. D. Fountain, who took a consignment of horses to India, has returned to Melbourne.

Captain Henry Reed, one of the oldest pilots in the colony, died at his residence at Williamstown this morning, aged 75.

The Full Court to-day commenced the hearing of argument in support of an order to review the decision of Mr. Rose, J.P., who, on the 11th ultimo committed for trial certain defendants charged with marching in the Orange procession on July 18.

Yesterday and to-day a large number of horses suitable for the Indian trade were sold, the prices ranging from £20 to £25.

NEWCASTLE.

THE MINORA DISASTER.

THE ACTION OF THE TANGIER.

EXPLANATION CONSIDERED UNSATISFACTORY.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

At the weekly meeting of the Newcastle Marine Board, held at the offices, Custom-house-buildings, this afternoon, a lengthy letter was received from Captain Neate, master of the steamer Tangier, in reply to a recent communication from the board demanding an explanation of his action in neglecting to render assistance to the castaways on the occasion of the foundering off Broken Bay on January 1 last of the brig Minora. It will be remembered that Captain Gallant, master of the brig and sole survivor of the wreck, in his evidence before the board, stated that he spoke to those on board the Tangier and asked that a boat should be lowered, and that the Tangier steamed away, leaving the castaways to perish. Captain Gallant further stated that had a boat been lowered the whole of the lives would have been saved.

The following is a copy of Captain Neate's reply, dated March 4 :—"With reference to your favour of yesterday, I will ask you to take note of the following facts :—After the night of January 1 and when we arrived at Fremantle (to which port we were bound) I made a full report of what we heard and how we acted on the night of January 1 and on the morning of January 2 to the local authorities, and gave an extract of log immediately on arrival. I also supplied the local papers with all the information we could give as to the movements of the Tangier after what we then (January 14) supposed to be the loss of the Minora. I afterwards saw newspaper cuttings of New South Wales papers, which were varied, and also Captain Gallant's statements, which seemed rather mixed. Altogether, I considered that the statements and paper accounts were very misleading—cruelly so. But as I felt that I had done my duty, also given my report, signed, up to the proper authorities on my arrival in port, also supplied the papers with all information, I considered I had done all that was right and necessary. I have never since been asked by any official for another report. I did not think it necessary to be drawn into a long correspondence here to form sensational paragraphs for local papers. In your note to me you do not call on me for a report, only an explanation, and there was nothing more to explain than what my log showed already in my official report. Of course, if there be any further information you require or report made it would naturally be done at once. I enclose an extract from the ship's log of January 1 and 2 bearing on the matter. I might just add that in Captain Gallant's statement he says he saw us all night and in the morning. In this he has confused one or more vessels, as when cruising after 2 a.m. on January 2nd we had a drizzling rain and mist, so that an object 20 yards away could not be seen, and at 7 a.m. when we continued voyage it was very thick indeed. I did all that was possible, and although I regret the loss of the crew, I feel I could not have done more."

The following extract from the log of the Tangier was attached : "January 1, 10.30 p.m., fresh breeze and hazy weather. Officer on bridge heard cries on port bow as of men in distress in boats or in water. Could not see anything, being too hazy. Starboarded helm, stopped engines and called captain. Called all hands, backed and turned ship to get near cries. Rigged out starboard boat and got all ready for lowering if possible. Ship rolling considerably. In about half an hour got within hearing of cries again. Hands all stationed round ship, lines, lifebuoys, &c. Hailed and showed lights ; could not distinguish words of reply or see anything, one person apparently being closer than the others. Tried to get ship close to persons by backing, going ahead, turning, &c., as not advisable to put out boat till people located ; probably lose boat and crew. They would not so readily be seen or heard as from ship. Ship drifting a good deal. Sound seemed to cease then. Kept the ship as near as possible ; guessing it, allowing for drift. Later it came on thick. Sharp lookout kept. January 2, 0.15 a.m., observed some small planking floating about, like piece of small boat. Strong breeze, squally, and drizzling rain. Keeping ship in one position as near as possible with a view of picking up anyone in boats or clinging to wreckage. At daylight could see nothing, thick weather. Ran ship on a zigzag course towards and from the shore. Could not see land or distressed people. 7 a.m., ship was put on her course, and proceeded on her voyage. 9 a.m., reported wreckage to tug Awhina."

The board, after a lengthy discussion, came to the conclusion that the explanation of Captain Neate was unsatisfactory, and resolved to call evidence of masters of vessels who were in the vicinity of Broken Bay on the night of January 1 as to the state of the wind, weather, and sea on that night. It will be remembered that Captain Gallant deposed that a boat could have been lowered in perfect safety, and that the sea was comparatively calm.

MEETING OF MINERS' DELEGATE BOARD.

THE COAL-WEIGHING QUESTION.

A special meeting of the Miners' Delegate Board was held in camera at the Trades Hall to-day, for the purpose of considering a variety of questions affecting the interests of the miners of the Northern district. Mr. J. Estill, the miners' president, occupied the chair, and there was a full attendance of officers and delegates, representing the whole of the collieries of the district. An animated discussion took place with reference to the 38th section of the Coalmines Regulation Act providing for the weighing of all coal. Satisfaction was expressed at the interpretation of the clause by the Full Court, and it was generally contended that the original intention of the Legislature was that every skip should be weighed. It was pointed out that the present system of averages was extremely unsatisfactory, and that miners in the past had hewn large quantities of coal for which they had not received payment. The report of the recent interview between the colliery proprietors and the Minister for Mines was discussed, and an absolute denial given to the assertion of the owners to the effect that the enforcement of the provision would entail heavy expenditure. The report of the Chief Inspector of Collieries on the cost of machinery and extra labour required was considered to be fairly accurate, and it was pointed out that there was an immense contrast between the statement of Mr. Atkinson and that of the colliery owners. The delegates contended that the additional cost would be infinitesimal, and it was suggested that the expense which would be incurred in providing weighing machinery was only put forward as an excuse to cover the real objection of the proprietors to pay for every ton of coal hewn by the men. The provision of the new Act was regarded as equitable to both sides, and it was contended that no valid objection could be urged against the system. The opinion was expressed that the threat of the owners to reduce the hewing rate would not be enforced. A proposal was put forward to the effect that a conference of representatives of the northern, southern, and western miners should be convened at an early date to consider whether the provisions of the clause should be enforced, and that if necessary a ballot of the three districts be taken on the question. After further discussion the matter was allowed to remain in abeyance until next meeting.

The board then had under consideration the closing-down of the Waratah Colliery at Charlestown, and it was resolved to convene a mass meeting of miners thrown out of employment to consider what steps should be taken in view of the fact that the requisite notice of 14 days had not been given. The question of the impending strike at the Co-operative Colliery at Plattsburg was also further considered, but no decision was arrived at. Regret was expressed at the fact that the aggregate meeting of miners, convened for Saturday last, had lapsed on account of the paucity of the attendance, and the question of fixing another date for holding an aggregate meeting was left in the hands of the executive officers.

THE ROOKWOOD TRAGEDY.

FINDING OF CUSACK'S BODY.

A MYSTERY SOLVED.

INQUEST ON THE BODY.

"The body of Cusack has been found at Subiaco" was the news that reached Sydney yesterday morning. The intelligence was conveyed in the first place to the Parramatta police, and they lost no time in transmitting it to the scattered search parties at work throughout the district. The discovery was made at about half-past 8 in the morning. It was as nearly as possible four days since the evidences of the crime had been brought to light and the search for the murderer had been commenced. During the interval the whole available police force of the district had been at work, and the country within a wide area had been searched night and day. The Parramatta police, in whose district Cusack had been last seen, were particularly active in the search. The impression was gaining ground among them that the man had got some distance from the scene of the crime. When discovered, the body was lying at a distance of about a mile and a half from the police station. The result showed that while the police were scouring the country and going further afield Cusack had taken the issue into his own hands and was lying dead not more than a mile or two from the spot where he had sent his victim to his account.

The discovery of the body was made in a curious way. About a mile from the Parramatta station there is a space of open scrub-covered country known as the Brickfields. On the Parramatta side is a row of scattered houses ; on the further side there is a background of bush. The Brickfields, so called because brickmaking was at one time carried on in the vicinity, are overgrown by ti-tree and crossed only by a few irregular tracks. The nearest beaten road is about a quarter of a mile away. A boy named George Silcock was crossing the Brickfields on Tuesday afternoon and noticed a dog barking at something that appeared to be concealed in a bush. The boy went to see what was the matter, and noticed what he took to be a man lying asleep. At the inquest the boy, who was only 9 years of age, told the coroner that he was frightened and did not inquire further. Yesterday morning he told his mother, and she sent an elder son to the spot. The discovery of the dead body was then made. The boy ran in haste to the house of the nearest neighbour, about 250 yards away. The news spread quickly. Mr. Souter, who met the boy, was the first to come up, and other residents of the district followed. The body had evidently been dead some time and presented a shocking sight. It was fully dressed and marks of burning on the shirt appeared to indicate that a revolver had been fired close to the breast. The body lay on the left side, the right arm being passed across the left. By the side and close to the right hand was a revolver with one chamber discharged. Senior-constable Harkins and Constable M'Dowell, of the Parramatta police, arrived and removed the remains to the district hospital morgue. The morbid interest taken by residents in the affair and the strange curiosity that attracts to a spectacle of a ghastly kind were evidenced by the fact that the constables, on coming to remove the body, found that about 200 residents had already assembled. As one of the constables said to a "Herald" reporter, "You would think the whole town had turned out."

With the discovery of the body and its removal to the morgue, the anxious part of the work of the detectives and police came to an end. What threatened to become a mystery was a mystery no longer. From the fact that the body was found about a mile and a half from the residence of Father Kerwick, it was generally thought that Cusack must have committed suicide soon after leaving the priest's house. In all probability the deed was committed the same night. Cusack, when last seen by Father Kerwick, was walking in a rapid and excited manner towards Parramatta, and it would have taken him not more than half an hour to reach the spot where he was discovered. The theory that he committed suicide that night is supported by the medical evidence, which stated that the body when discovered had been dead about three days. That the discovery was not made earlier is not surprising. The spot is too near the town to be regarded as a likely hiding place. It is too far from the high road to make detection an easy matter. Added to this, the patch of scrub was too dense to enable anyone to detect a human figure without pushing aside the brushwood.

As it is, the feeling of relief that the last is known of the Rookwood murderer is deep and widespread.

THE INQUEST.

MRS. CUSACK GIVES EVIDENCE.

VERDICT OF SUICIDE.

Within a few minutes after the body had been lodged at the Morgue arrangements were made to proceed with the inquest. Inspector Latimer arrived on the scene about midday, and after a short consultation between himself and the police it was decided that the inquiry should be held at the Parramatta courthouse the same afternoon. At 3 o'clock Mr. T. E. M'Nevin, P.M., of Parramatta, took his seat and the jurors were sworn. Although there were likely to be no fresh developments and the verdict was a foregone conclusion a crowd of spectators filled the court. Mrs. Cusack, a tall and by no means unprepossessing-looking woman, apparently not more than 30 years of age, was the object of general curiosity mingled with sympathy as she went to the witness-box to give her evidence. Though visibly affected she spoke in a clear and audible tone. A good deal of the evidence was of a purely formal kind.

George Silcock, a boy 9 years of age, in reply to questions by Inspector Latimer, said that he was out in the scrub at the brickfields about 3 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. He noticed a man lying among some bushes. He did not speak to the man ; he was frightened to do so. He saw a revolver lying on the ground. He thought the man was asleep. When he went home that night he told his mother. Next morning his mother sent his brother to see if the man was there.

Percy Silcock, aged 13, a brother of the last witness, said his mother told him that morning to go down to the brickfields. He went and found a man lying in the thick scrub. The man was dead. He told Mr. Cuff and Mr. Souter. Mr. Souter reported the matter to the police.

David Henry Souter said he met the boy Percy Silcock that morning. The boy told him that there was a man in the scrub at the brickyard, and he didn't know whether he was asleep or dead. Witness went to the place, pulled aside the scrub, and found a man lying dead. There was a revolver lying by his side. The place where the body was found was about two rods from Belmore-street. Belmore-street was only a nominal road running through the scrub. It was not fully formed. The nearest road that could properly be called a road was about a quarter of a mile away. Witness lived about 250 yards from where the body was found. He often heard shooting about that direction, but took no notice as he generally thought that some one was shooting birds. On finding the body witness informed the police. The body was then taken to the Morgue. This was about 9 o'clock in the morning.

Senior-constable Harkins said that at about 9 o'clock that morning, from something he had heard from the last witness, he accompanied him to a spot in the brickfields, Parramatta North. He was shown the body of a man who was afterwards identified as Martin Cusack. It was lying in thick scrub and was concealed from sight. It was lying on the left side. The right arm was across the body and lay over the left arm. The fingers of the right hand were bent as though they had been holding a revolver. There were two shirts on the body, and they were both burnt through. Witness had the body removed to the Morgue. He examined it at the Morgue and found what appeared to be a wound over the heart. He found three cartridges in the right breast pocket and six in the left. There was no money in the clothes.

Margaret Cusack, widow of the deceased, said she last saw her husband alive at 10 minutes to 7 on Saturday morning. She saw him at her house. He left the house that morning at a quarter to 6 and came back again at a quarter to 7. He gave witness his pipe, and asked for half a crown. He said he wanted to get a drink. Witness asked him if a shilling would not do. He took that, and went away. When he was going away he said he might be back in two hours, or, if not, at dinner time. Witness had seen the body at the Morgue, and recognised it as that of her husband. Her husband had told witness that Mr. King had told him he would have to knock off work. Her husband and Mrs. King had not been on good terms for the last two months, although they had spoken occasionally on business matters. Witness had never heard her husband use threats against Mr. King. Her husband was a native of Tipperary, and was 36 years of age. He had been in the colony 17 or 18 years.

Constable Robertson, stationed at Rookwood, identified the body as that of Martin Cusack, whom he had known for about five years.

W. B. Violette, a legally qualified medical practitioner and Government medical officer, residing at Granville, said he had examined the body lying at the Morgue. It was that of a well-nourished man, about 5ft. 4in. or 5ft. 5in. in height. The body was much decomposed, and had evidently been exposed from two and a half to three days. He found a perforated wound on the left breast, which might have been caused by a bullet from a revolver such as that produced. The bullet had penetrated the left auricle of the heart, and death must have ensued almost immediately. In his opinion the wound was self-inflicted.

Thomas Burke said he knew deceased, and was aware that he was in possession of a revolver similar to that produced. The deceased had a revolver in his possession about two years ago.

This concluded the evidence.

The jury found that the deceased met his death from the effects of a revolver shot, self-inflicted.

NEWCASTLE CUP.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

A good deal of local interest is being displayed in connection with the Newcastle Cup, which will be run under the auspices of the Newcastle Jockey Club to-morrow, and should the weather remain fine a record attendance is anticipated. A number of Sydney horses and several prominent owners arrived from Sydney by to-night's mail, and a large company of metropolitan sporting men are expected by to-morrow's midday train. The local railway authorities have arranged for special excursion trains on all the local lines, and trams will be despatched to the course at intervals of every few minutes. The betting at Tattersall's Club to-night was very limited, the only inquiry being for Zero at 200 to 8. Local prices are practically governed by the Sydney betting market.

Ellen Keane, a middle-aged widow, was found dead on the floor of a front room at her residence, Providence-place, Surry Hills, yesterday. Death was the result of natural causes, and the City Coroner dispensed with an inquest.

THE RAILWAY TO CONDOBOLIN.

OFFICIAL OPENING.

SPEECH BY THE MINISTER FOR WORKS.

THE PROGRESS OF RAILWAY EXTENSION.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

CONDOBOLIN, Wednesday.

Not only Condobolin but the whole of the district within an area of 60 miles of the centre has displayed great interest in the opening of the railway to this portion of the far west. The line has been in use for the past month, but the official opening only took place to-day, and the ceremony was marked by a degree of eclat which is seldom exhibited in a country township. For many years the extension of the western line from Orange to Molong was agitated and eventually obtained. Then the line was carried as far as Parkes, and when the light railway policy was finally adopted by the Government the Orange-Parkes line was extended to Bogan Gate, which is the name of a small settlement distant about 39 miles from the present terminus. This extension possesses great interest to the public, because it is regarded as the greatest test of the light line system that has been made. It opens up territory that offered little inducement to settlers, on account of the crushing difficulties in the way of sending products to market, and it supplies an additional offshoot from the centre of the metropolis, inasmuch as it strikes out between the western and southern systems.

Mr. J. H. Young, Minister for Works, left Sydney on Tuesday night accompanied by Messrs. Thomas Brown, J. C. Carroll, George Anderson, J. S. Hawthorne, Ms.L.A., R. R. P. Hickson (Under-Secretary and Commissioner for Roads) ; and at Parkes this morning the party was joined by Mr. G. J. Roberts (Chief Traffic Manager) and Mr. J. B. Reymond, M.L.A. At Parkes the Minister was welcomed by the Mayor (Alderman Lowing) and the aldermen. When the train reached Bogan Gate this afternoon the party had a warm reception. A deputation was introduced to the Minister by Mr. Brown, M.L.A. It asked that Condobolin be connected by railway with Trundle and afterwards with Bullock Creek, and this extension was urged upon rather unique grounds. The prospects of the line were so good that the settlers in the district would guarantee its reproductiveness, not merely in an anonymous or verbal way, but by pledging substantial security. This was not all. At present the settlers carried their produce 70 miles to the nearest railway, very often under distressing conditions, and if they lost the whole of the amount which they were to guarantee to the Government in regard to returns from the proposed line they would not be actually at a loss, as the gains from improved transit would more than counterbalance any deficiency of traffic.

The Minister made a generally favourable reply. As far as he was personally concerned, it was impossible to put the proposed line before the Public Works Committee during the present session, as he could not submit the proposal to Parliament until the surveys had been completed. The coming session would be a short one, but when the next Parliament assembled the Ministry would, if in power, continue its policy of extending light lines and tap rich territories in various parts of the colony whose progress was militated against by inadequate facilities for transit.

When the Ministerial party reached Condobolin this afternoon there was a tremendous outburst of enthusiasm. Scores of vehicles of various descriptions were drawn up in the railway grounds. A corps of cadets from the Public school was ranged in double file before the party. The local branch of the Oddfellows' Lodge, with a large banner, was in evidence, and a cavalcade, which is inseparable from most country functions, also assembled in honour of the occasion. When the train drew into the station a brass band played the National Anthem, and there was a considerable amount of vigorous cheering. The Mayor (Mr. D. H. Tasker), Mr. J. M. Nash (the council clerk), and other officials of the town, and the Mayors of several other townships, were present. The Mayor presented Mr. Young with an address of welcome. The Minister, in reply, said he was glad to be amongst them, and he joined with them in hearty wishes for the future prosperity of the nation. There was every reason to believe that in a short time the line would be a paying one, because this portion of New South Wales was destined to be one of the greatest if not the greatest centres of wheat production in the colony. When he contemplated the marvellous resources of this country, its extraordinary richness and fertility, which many in populous parts had not had the same opportunities of inspecting as he had, he felt strongly impressed with the magnificence that must characterise the future of New South Wales. (Cheers.) Its prosperity was assured. The more he travelled throughout the different electorates the more he became satisfied that they were favoured with one of the finest countries on earth. It was his earnest desire to push forward light lines as long as there was the smallest probability that, whilst benefiting one portion of the community directly, they would not prove a drag upon another. (Applause.) The country should be prepared to take a certain amount of risk in railway construction, a forward policy in regard to which was necessary. At the end of 1897 there were 2639½ miles of railway under the control of the Commissioners. The total capital expended in construction was £37,509,205, and the total earnings per annum were £3,004,742. After all the working expenses for the year had been paid there was a balance of £1,413,524, a percentage of profit of £3 15s 11d. They could borrow money now at a fraction over 3 per cent. It was evident that the railways of the colony had got beyond the unproductive stage. Nearly 40 millions of money which had been expended by the people was recouped by those who used and were benefited by the lines. To give them some idea of what splendid service the railways were rendering to the people he would explain that in 1897 there were 664,227 bales of wool carried on the lines, besides 4,391,598 sheep, 180,482 cattle, 19,286 horses, 16,070 calves, 78,368 pigs, 3,028,121 tons of coal and shale, and the number of passengers' fares collected was 72,543,812. Since his advent to office the following lines had been opened for traffic :—Jerilderie to Berrigan, Parkes to Condobolin, Narrabri to Moree, and Nevertire to Warren, whilst lines from Tamworth to Manilla, Berrigan to Finley, and Moree to Inverell were now in course of construction. As showing the importance which the Government attached to the perfection of the railway systems he would further explain that there were eight other proposed lines at present under reference. The people might rely upon the fact that the Ministry attached importance to the development of the rich resources, and it was also desirous to do further good for those who were struggling in remote places for the advancement of the colony by engaging in its best adapted industries. (Cheers.)

Mr. Young then formally declared the line open for traffic, and he heartily wished prosperity to the district.

Cheers were given for the Minister for Works, for Mr. Brown, M.L.A., and Mrs. Brown, and for the Mayor and aldermen of Condobolin. A procession about half a mile in length was then formed and marched through the principal streets of the town, which was profusely decorated with flags and bannerettes.

ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER.

The Minister for Works delivered a political address to-night in front of the Royal Hotel. He was introduced by the Mayor to a very large crowd. Mr. Young said as it would be but a short time before the present Parliament would come to an end he proposed to address them on the principal points of the politics of the day. As one of the present Ministry he stood before them fully prepared to state that it had done its very best to improve the condition of every class in the community. (Hear, hear.) When they looked back to the state of affairs which existed when the Ministry went into office at the end of 1894 every one of them must remember that the colony was in the most depressed condition it had ever experienced in its history. The Ministry came into a heritage of woe. There were unemployed on every hand. Right throughout the country thousands of men were asking for bread or work, and they were daily holding meetings at the Statue in King-street. Surely they could not forget that state of affairs which existed, and that was just after the colony had been governed by another political kind of gentlemen for three years. (A voice : "Three years too long.") It would have been a good thing for New South Wales had it never existed during those three years. It then got the experience of the protectionist party. What had come about since then? He had been taunted that the Government had not brought about complete prosperity to the colony. Certainly the colony was not as prosperous as he would like it to be, but surely it must be admitted that every year which had elapsed since 1894 had seen a gradual and distinct improvement in affairs generally. (Loud cheers.) The protectionist party had declared that the policy of the Ministry would bring the colony still lower than it was in 1894. They had been told that freetrade would ruin the farmers. (Laughter.) That the acreage of land under wheat would be diminished. (Loud laughter.) Had not their wheat area enormously increased?—(applause)—and had not their system of freetrade developed the farming industry year after year until the colony had reached a point at which it was forced to export breadstuffs to the markets of the world. What earthly use under such conditions could protection be to the cultivators of the soil? All that could possibly benefit them was improved means of transit. Anyone of the meanest capacity could realise that, and sensible protectionists—(A voice : "There are none.")—ought to admit it. Then they had been told that their manufactories would drop out of existence, and that the people engaged in them would be thrown out of employment. Had that prediction been verified? It was useless for politicians to make incorrect statements in regard to these matters, for statistical information had become so perfect and so much within the reach of all that men who made incorrect assertions should be easily disproved by any intelligent elector. There were documents in their local School of Arts which would show them that instead of freetrade and the policy of the Government having a disastrous effect on the industries, they had at the present moment a larger number of men employed in the manufactories than they ever had previously in the history of the colony. (Loud applause.) It would be a most extraordinary circumstance if, in spite of these facts, the people ever went back to the heresies of protection. He felt confident that the Ministry would return to office as strong as ever. (Cheers.) In 1894 there was an agitation throughout the country to hasten a dissolution and to remove the protectionists from office as speedily as possible. Was that the case in regard to the present Government? (A voice : "No.") He saw no signs of discontent, and the people did not seem to be anxious for the time to come when it would be in their power to dislodge the Ministry. Need he remind them of the great and beneficent alterations which had been made in their land laws by Mr. Carruthers? (Cheers.) It had been the object of that Minister to make the condition of the people engaged on the soil as easy and comfortable as the interests of the country would possibly admit. Mr. Sydney Smith had also done a tremendous amount of good work in administering the Agricultural Department, of which he had made a special study. He had established institutions which could not fail to educate the youth of the country in the most improved methods of agriculture. For himself, Mr. Young would only say that he had conscientiously endeavoured to administer the Works Department with entire justice to the whole community. He must say a word about his grand leader, George H. Reid. He believed Mr. Reid was most popular in the whole country. (A voice: "In Australia," and loud cheers.) He was without doubt a blest man, and one most fitted for his high position. He had displayed remarkable ability when brought into association with the Premiers of the other colonies in bringing New South Wales to the front. Mr. Young believed the land and income tax had come to stay. It was idle to say that it had driven capital out of the colony. If they took capital to Victoria to avoid 6d they found they would have 14d in the £ to pay instead. They could go nowhere else to find freer play for the expenditure of capital. He did not believe in taxation at all if it could be dispensed with, because the taxpayers could do more with their money than could be done by others if it were hoarded in the coffers of the State. There were many wealthy men throughout the country whom every principle of equity demanded to pay something toward the taxation of the country. They had not tried to pick out a particular class, because the majority of the people paid more in Customs duties than the wealthy class did. There were enormous estates in the colony which should be made to pay their fair share of taxation in exchange for the services which were rendered to them by the State. (Applause.)

Messrs. Hawthorne, Anderson, Brown, and Carroll, Ms.L.A., also spoke. The lastnamed criticised Mr. Young's speech adversely, and he had a mixed reception.

THE MINISTERIAL PARTY ENTERTAINED

The Ministerial party was entertained at a banquet in the evening. Mr. D. H. Tasker, the Mayor, presided. About 150 persons were present, including a few ladies. In proposing the toast of "The Ministry," the Mayor said that the Reid Ministry had proved itself to be the most liberal and progressive Administration that had ever held office in New South Wales. The effect of the railway would be to bring hundreds of thousands of acres of land under cultivation.

Mr. Young, in responding, said he thought the country would continue to judiciously expend loan money on productive railways, but he would limit the expenditure to £2,000,000 per annum. No Ministry was ever in power which had tried harder than the present one to advance the interests of the country. He had dealt with politics in his previous address at the express request of the people of Condobolin.

A number of other toasts were also honoured.

FEDERAL CONVENTION.

REPORT OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE.

BILL FINALLY REVISED.

THE CONSTITUTION ADOPTED BY THE CONVENTION.

RECOMMENDED TO THE PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Convention to-day finally adopted the federal constitution as embodied in the Commonwealth Bill. The motion was proposed by Mr. Barton at 5 o'clock, and was carried with cheers. The work to-day was mostly of a formal character. A schedule of 400 amendments compiled by the Drafting Committee was considered and agreed to. Only two alterations of any importance were made in the bill. One of these related to the guarantee to the State Treasurers, and the other fixed the status of the members of the Inter-State Commission. It will be necessary to hold another meeting of the Convention to-morrow, as it is provided in the Enabling Acts that the bill has to be supplied to members before the Convention terminates. Just before closing Mr. Barton intimated that he should ask the various Governments to supply a summary of the bill to the electors. In doing this he would take the opportunity of saying a few words recommending the bill to the people of Australia, and he would ask other members to do the same. At this announcement all the talkative members of the Convention cheered. During the day Sir George Dibbs, who is on a visit to Melbourne, was present in the chamber. Sir John Forrest and his colleagues left by a special train for Adelaide at 9 p.m., en route for the Western colony. Sir John now seems to be more favourable to the bill than he was at first. He is very reticent, however, regarding his views. The only expression to which he would give an unrestricted utterance was one of thankfulness that the Convention was over.

PROCEEDINGS IN CONVENTION.

The President took the chair at 11 a.m.

THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Mr. Barton brought up the report of the Drafting Committee, which consisted of a schedule of 400 amendments. These were adopted in globo, with the exception of certain amendments upon which members desired explanations. These explanations took up a good deal of time. When the schedule of amendments was circulated the Convention adjourned until 2 o'clock to allow members to make themselves acquainted with the proposals of the Drafting Committee, and it took from 2 o'clock until 4.30 o'clock to dispose of the various matters under consideration. With two exceptions the amendments proposed by the Drafting Committee were of a formal character.

GUARANTEE TO THE STATES.

There was a good deal of discussion upon clause 91A. This provided that the net revenue from customs and excise be applied as follows :—"Not more than one-twentieth of such net revenue shall be applied towards the expenditure of the Commonwealth in the exercise of its original powers ; not more than four-twentieths of such net revenue shall be applied towards the expenditure of the Commonwealth in making good the net loss on the services taken over."

The Drafting Committee suggested that a more elastic provision should be made, and this was agreed to by Sir E. Braddon, at whose instance the clause was originally passed. It was resolved to strike out the first portion of the clause and to insert "one-fourth shall be applied annually by the Commonwealth towards its expenditure."

INTER-STATE COMMISSION.

A new sub-section was added to clause 101a, dealing with the inter-State Commission, as follows :—"The members of the inter-State Commission shall be appointed by the Governor-General-in-Council, and shall hold office for seven years, but may be removed during that time by the Governor-General-in-Council on an address from both Houses of the Parliament in same session, praying for such removal on the ground of proved misbehaviour or incapacity ; they shall receive such remuneration as the Parliament may fix, but such remuneration shall not be diminished during their continuance in office.

The bill was then reported with amendments and the report adopted.

THE CONSTITUTION FINALLY ADOPTED.

Mr. BARTON said it would be necessary to print the bill as amended, and it would therefore be incumbent upon them to hold another sitting on the following day, because the bill as adopted had to be distributed to the members present and posted to those who were absent. This distribution of the bill would have to be done before the President could declare the proceedings of the Convention closed. He would move to-day, however, that the Constitution be finally adopted. (Cheers.) On the following day he would recommend that the Governments of the different colonies be asked to supply a summary of the bill to the electors in their colonies. In moving that motion he would take the opportunity of saying a few words in recommendation of the bill to the people of Australia, and he would invite other delegates to do the same. (Cheers.) He now proposed,—"That the Constitution as framed be finally adopted."

The motion was carried with cheers, members rising from their seats.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. BARTON, in moving that the Convention adjourn, impressed upon members the necessity of forming a quorum on the following morning, which would be the last day of the Convention.

The Convention adjourned until 10 o'clock the following morning.

THE ATMOSPHERIC GAS COMPANY.

ARREST AND RELEASE OF LEE AND ELLIOTT.

Information was received in Sydney yesterday by cablegram from San Francisco, to the effect that the San Francisco police, having been advised of the offences alleged against Lee and Elliott in connection with the Atmospheric Gas Company, waited the arrival of the Moana, the San Francisco mail boat, in expectation of Lee and Elliott having taken passage by that steamer from Honolulu—where they had left the Vancouver mail boat, the Aorangi—to San Francisco. On the arrival of the Moana they were found on board, and were arrested by the police, but the authorities and the British Consul decided that they did not come within the Extradition Act, and they were subsequently released. It will be remembered that some days ago the Attorney-General (Mr. J. H. Want), when asked to take steps to extradite these men, gave his opinion that it would not be possible to secure their extradition on any charge which could be brought against them. There was some adverse comment on Mr. Want's opinion, but that it was a sound one is confirmed by the fact that the men have been released on the ground, as the cable says, that they did not come within the Extradition Act.

FIRE AT RANDWICK.

A fire which was discovered in the paint shop attached to the Randwick tram sheds a few minutes before 1 o'clock this morning, spread very rapidly through that building, which was entirely destroyed.

COUNTRY NEWS.

TYPHOID FEVER AT WILCANNIA.

WILCANNIA, Wednesday.

Typhoid fever has broken out in Wilcannia, but so far no serious cases are reported. The Government medical officer (Dr. Atkins) has suggested that the municipal council should apply to have the municipality proclaimed a sanitary area under the Public Health Act, and that a sanitary inspector be appointed to make a proper inspection of the town. He also suggested to the municipal council that the sealed pan system should be adopted in place of the system now in vogue, as he considers it highly dangerous to the health of the residents. The council is considering the advisability of carrying out the doctor's suggestions. At present there are 10 typhoid patients in the local hospital, three being convalescent.

SUDDEN DEATH AT SUTHERLAND.

SUTHERLAND, Wednesday.

Mr. James Horspool, an old resident of Sutherland, died suddenly this afternoon. Deceased carried on business here as hairdresser, and rented premises for that purpose. He opened his shop as usual this morning, but went home about half-past 11. He had complained to a neighbour of not feeling well. Mrs. Horspool was spending the day in Sydney, and upon arriving home about half-past 6 o'clock found her husband lying upon the floor. She spoke to him, and receiving no answer became alarmed. She immediately called some neighbours, and it was at once seen that Mr. Horspool was dead. Deceased was 69 years of age. He has lived a good number of years in the colony, and was well known in Pyrmont, where he carried on business for a number of years.

ALBURY, Wednesday.

A weatherboard cottage in Kiewa-street was burned down this morning. It has been unoccupied for some weeks.

At a meeting to-day of the committee of the pastoral and agricultural society it was decided to issue a programme offering £650 in prizes.

The Government medical officer reported this evening to the municipal council that there were six cases of typhoid fever in one family.

BLAYNEY, Wednesday.

The town wears a busy appearance this week owing to the annual show. A large number of exhibits arrived to-day, including those from the Hawkesbury Agricultural College.

CARCOAR, Wednesday.

A severe frost occurred throughout this district last night. It was very clear to-day.

A man named George Sampson, who had been a resident of the neighbourhood of Carcoar for over half a century, died last evening, aged 88.

COBAR, Wednesday.

The inquest on the body of the child Campbell, who died yesterday, was concluded to-day. A verdict of death from natural causes was returned. Mr. Morrison acted as coroner.

GERMANTON, Wednesday.

James M'Dermott was charged at the police court to-day before Messrs. John Ross and James Bruce, magistrates, with stealing sheep belonging to the trustees of Woomargama station. The manager, Thomas Lamb, and Sergeant Dixon, gave evidence. The accused was committed for trial at the Circuit Court, to be held at Albury on April 4.

The drought still continues. Rain is anxiously looked for. Only 260 points have fallen since January 1.

GRENFELL, Wednesday.

A large gathering of townspeople assembled at Curry's Hotel this evening for the purpose of presenting Mr. G. S. Findlay, manager of the Union Bank here for many years, with a pair of binocular glasses, a gold sovereign case, and a gold pen and pencil, prior to his departure for Europe. Mr. Fisher (the Mayor) presided. The usual toasts were honoured.

KEMPSEY, Wednesday.

Mr. J. L. Thompson (Government Agricultural Lecturer) addressed a good meeting at Kempsey last night on "Modern Agriculture and Up-to-date Implements."

LISMORE, Wednesday.

The river is now down to its usual level again.

A movement is on foot to give some recognition from the town and district to Mr. A. Crawford, superintendent of the railway here, on his retirement at the end of this month.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

The Primitive Methodist Sunday-school anniversary services just held here were very largely attended and generally successful.

In the small debts court to-day the council sued a number of ratepayers for rates in arrears. In one case the bench held that it had no jurisdiction in regard to rates owing for more than three years, and advised a withdrawal by the council to enable them to sue in a higher court. This suggestion was accepted.

MERRIWA, Wednesday.

The land board, consisting of Messrs. James Vernon (chairman), W. L. C. Brecht, and S. T. Bishop (members), dealt with an important exchange of land between J. B. Bettington and the Crown. The acting district surveyor (Mr. Cobcroft), the stock inspector (Mr. Lowe), and Mr. Bettington gave evidence to the effect that the exchange was beneficial to the Crown, and the board decided accordingly.

MOUNT VICTORIA, Wednesday.

The remains of the late Mr. John Commons, of Hartley, were brought from Sydney by train yesterday, and were met at the railway station by 40 horsemen and 16 vehicles, who followed them to the cemetery at the foot of Mount York. Many others followed en route; over 200 attended. The Rev. T. J. Heffernan read the burial service at the grave.

NARRABRI, Wednesday.

The early closing movement is being taken up here with much spirit by the Half-holiday Association. It has been decided to draw up a petition, which will be presented to the residents of the district and town for signatures. The petition will afterwards be presented to the storekeepers.

The matter of forming a fire brigade has been discussed by the municipal council. As the fact of having no great water supply would prove a big drawback it has been decided to petition the authorities to put down a bore for fire brigade purposes. The renovation of the Narrabri brigades by the Government is being proceeded with.

NYNGAN, Wednesday.

A large number of visitors are in town, being intending applicants for settlement leases at Gunningbar holding, to be thrown open to-morrow.

A fire occurred early this morning at Watkins' Sawmill. A shed and a quantity of timber were destroyed, whilst a part of the machinery was damaged.

SINGLETON, Wednesday.

The Quarter Sessions were held to-day before Judge Murray. Mr. Dawson was Crown Prosecutor.

Mr. A. Lovett, for two years stationmaster here, has been removed to Penrith. He is succeeded by Mr. Benson, of Ryde.

The Rev. J. Beale who is removing to the Tamworth Wesleyan Church, was last night entertained at a social by the members of the tennis club connected with the church, and was presented with a souvenir.

WAGGA WAGGA, Wednesday.

On Saturday William Clancy, a boundary-rider on Deepwater station, found a man named William Ross dead in a hut about 12 miles from Giong Giong. The body was taken to the latter place, where a magisterial inquiry was held, resulting in a finding of death from senile decay. The deceased was 91 years of age.

A four-roomed cottage at The Rock was destroyed by fire on Thursday. It was owned by P. Kerin, and occupied by W. Boyd. It was insured for £50 in the Royal Insurance Company.

WENTWORTH, Wednesday.

The reappraisement of Tapio pastoral holding occupied the attention of the local land board to-day. This appraisement was rendered necessary in consequence of the withdrawal from holding of 18,000 acres for the purposes of homestead selections under the 1895 Act. Mr. Lakeman appeared for the lessees. Mr. G. L. M. Grant, inspector of homestead leases on pastoral holdings, gave particulars of the inspection just completed. The area available was 149,990 acres. The land now withdrawn practically cuts off the Darling frontage. Mr. O. B. Patterson, manager for the past six years, said the average rainfall for the last three years was 6 inches 95 points. The uncertain rainfall made the country difficult to manage. The average lambing for the past seven years was 42 per cent. The land withdrawn was considered the best part of the holding. The carrying capacity had materially decreased since the year 1893. The board, after consideration, appraised the rental value at 21-hundredths of a penny.

WEST WYALONG, Wednesday.

Mr. R. A. Collie, district coroner, held an inquest at Yalgogrin on the recent fire which burnt Hill's Hotel, the contents of which were destroyed. The property was insured in the National Insurance Company of New Zealand for £950. The jury returned a verdict that there was not sufficient evidence to show how the fire originated, but were of opinion that the fire was accidentally caused.

The District Court was concluded last night. The Judge reserved his decision in the mining appeal case, Lindsay v. Hanson.

LATE MINING.

NORSEMAN, Wednesday.

The Break of Day Company has crushed at the Little Wonder battery 41 tons of stone for 46oz. gold. The Midas Company, on the John Bull line of reef, has treated 100 tons for 55oz. 9dwt. The stone was crushed at the Mount Benson battery. The Waratah crushed at Fowler's battery 50 tons, yielding 62oz. The Cumberland put a ton of stone through at the Desirable battery to-day. The result is reported to be as rich as the last, but the actual return will not be available till Thursday night. Work at the Cumberland is proceeding in the drives. The main south shaft will now be sunk to 200ft., and two more drives put in. The New North Norseman is erecting a cyanide plant. A start will be made with the mill in the first week of April. At the Queensland Norseman splendid stone has been struck at 95ft. in the Edinburgh Castle reef, showing rich gold. The escort which left for Coolgardie on Monday with gold taken up by the agents of the Norseman Gold Mines, Limited, makes a total of 2392oz., to which, adding the February export of 2085oz., makes the total for the year 4477oz., against 1587oz. for the same period last year, showing a satisfactory increase of nearly 3000oz. Considerable anxiety is felt as to the Premier's promised visit after Menzies railway opening.

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VITAL STATISTICS OF SYDNEY AND SUBURBS FOR 1897.

DECREASED BIRTH AND DEATH RATES.

INCREASED MARRIAGE RATE.

Information of an interesting character is contained in the Registrar-General's report on the vital statistics of Sydney and suburbs for last year. At the close of 1897 the population of the metropolis was estimated at 410,300—equal to 31 per cent. of that of the whole colony. This is a decrease of a little over ½ per cent. as compared with 1896, and indicates that the centralisation of population in the metropolis has received a check. The area of the metropolis is 89,727 acres, or 140 square miles, hence a population of 410,300 gives an average of 4·86 persons to the acre. Darlington shows the greatest density of population with a record of nearly 86 persons to the acre, whilst Marsfield shows the greatest breathing space, as there is considerably less than one person to the acre in that locality. In density of population Redfern, Balmain, Paddington, and Newtown fairly approach that of Darlington. The number of marriages registered during 1897 was 3867, or an increase of 110 on the preceding 12 months. As a set off against this the birth rate fell off from 30·06 per 1000 of population in 1896 to 29·28 for last year. Again, this falling off in the natural increase of population was more than counterbalanced by a decreased death rate. The number of births recorded in 1897 was 12,009, or 293 less than in 1896. In 1897 the deaths numbered 5220, being a decrease of 369 on the record of the preceding year.

One is interested to find that the highest birth rate, nearly 32 children to each 1000 of population, was recorded in the East Central Division, which embraces Redfern, Darlington, Waterloo, Alexandria, Botany, and North Botany; whilst the lowest rate, 25 children to each 1000 of population, was recorded in the Eastern Division, which includes Paddington, Randwick, Waverley, Woollahra, and Vaucluse. Space forbids an enumeration of the numerous diseases and ailments that caused the death of the 5220 people last year, but one notices that under the heading of "violence" deaths were due to fractures and contusions, gunshot wounds, burns, scalds, sunstroke, poison, bite of snake or insect, drowning, suffocation, umbilical hemorrhage, injury at birth, fishbone or larynx (operation), blood-poisoning, ptomaine poisoning, and dynamite explosion. These were due either to accident or to neglect. Homicide was responsible for 13 deaths, and manslaughter for five. Drowning was the most favourite form of suicide, 31 persons committing felo-de-se in that manner. Then follows deaths by poison 14, by cutting throat 11, by shooting nine, by jumping from a height five, by hanging four, by going in front of a railway engine two, and by cutting the wrist one. A very satisfactory feature of the record is a remarkable decrease in the fatal results attending typhoid fever, the number of deaths last year being 77, as against 143 for 1896. Clearly this indicates improved sanitary conditions consequent on the extension of the sewerage system. It is also gratifying to learn that the dreadful scourge diphtheria is also steadily on the decline, the record last year being 54 deaths, as against 84 in 1896. As a matter of fact the death roll last year is the lowest recorded since 1890, when the scourge claimed 149 victims.

METROPOLITAN TRANSIT COMMISSION.

The weekly meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Transit Commissioners was held at the board's offices, Phillip-street, yesterday. The Mayor (Alderman Matthew Harris) presided, and there were present Inspector-General Fosbery, Messrs. G. H. Sparkes, W. Martin, and the Registrar (Mr. Edwards). The board granted the request of the North Sydney cabmen to remove their stand from Campbell-street to Western Wharf-road. Mr. Thomas Stewart was refused permission to run a 'bus from Circular Quay to Little Bay on visiting days, it being the opinion of the Commissioners that the present service of one 'bus was sufficient for public requirements. Mr. H. Alexander applied for permission to run a line of six 'buses from Queen-street, near Centennial Park, to Redfern railway station, via Oxford, Liverpool, and George streets, at a 2d fare. Mr. Fosbery urged that the traffic in Oxford-street was already too congested. It was decided to suggest to Mr. Alexander a route via Park-road and Devonshire-street. The Registrar announced that the following nominations had been received for vacancies on the board:—Alderman Sparkes (Camperdown) and Alderman Montague (Manly), for municipal representative; Messrs. W. Martin, R. Adams, and F. B. Mansfield, for licensees' representative. Since the date of the closing of nominations Mr. Mansfield had withdrawn.

BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of this association was held on Tuesday evening, the president (Mr. J. M. Pringle) being in the chair. In regard to the agreement with the Carpenters and Joiners' Society a discussion took place in reference to the rates of wages. It was stated that the wages, which varied from 8s to 11s daily for these trades, rose and fell according to the demand and supply. Contractors should be able to gauge the market. A standard rate would lead to friction. It was decided to omit from the agreement clause 3, which stated that the rate should be 1s per hour or 8s a day for the Sydney district, and also clause 4 dealing with an allowance for men being sent two miles or over from their work. The president was instructed to sign the agreement as amended. It was decided on the motion of Mr. C. Baker, seconded by Mr. Davidson,—"That all Government departments, working on the approved bondsmen system as security for the completion of their works, be requested, for the more effectual protection of the public interest and the convenience of contractors generally, to adopt the cash deposit system in lieu thereof."

WORKING AND FACTORY GIRLS' CLUB.

A meeting in connection with the forthcoming annual ball was held on Monday. The Mayoress presided, and there were present Mrs. Broomfield, Mrs. Ralfe, Mrs. Guy Warren, Mrs. Cartwright-Ash, Miss Watson, Miss L. Rundell, Miss Neville-Griffiths, Mrs. Frances Bacon, Mrs. Lane-Brown, Miss Lane-Brown, the Misses Cecil Griffiths. It was stated that the following ladies are also members of the committee:—Mrs. Richard Terry, Mrs. John See, Mrs. Plomley, Mrs. Norman Shelley, Mrs. Brady, Mrs. Blanch, Mrs. Cruickshank, and the general committee of the club. At the suggestion of the Mayoress, it was decided that in future the meeting should be held in the Town Hall, as more convenient. Miss Neville-Griffiths and Miss Edwards consented to act as corresponding secretaries.

THE ENGLISH CRICKETERS.

FAREWELL DINNER IN MELBOURNE.

SPEECH BY MR. STODDART.

On Monday evening the English cricketers were tendered a complimentary dinner at the Melbourne Club pavilion by the president and committee of the Melbourne Cricket Club. The members of the Victorian team and some 200 other gentlemen were present. The chair was taken by the president (Mr. Frank Grey Smith), who was supported on the right by Lord Brassey and Prince Ranjitsinhji, and on the left by Mr. A. E. Stoddart. Considerable interest was manifested in the speech which Mr. Stoddart would make in response to the enthusiastic manner in which the toast "Mr. Stoddart and the English Eleven" was honoured by the company.

Mr. Stoddart, who (the "Argus" states) was received with tremendous cheering, thanked the assemblage for the honour done him and his team. He could assure them that the tour, in spite of the little circumstances over which they had had no control, had been in every sense of the word a pleasure to them. They had lost the rubber, and more, and admitted that they had been defeated by a superior team. He did not intend to refer again to an unpleasant subject, but as some pressmen had treated him unfairly he must say a few words on the subject of barracking. He had spoken on this subject and the unfairness of a section of the Australian press, but absolutely in the interests of the game of cricket. (Applause.) He had nothing else to gain. He had lived for nothing else but cricket. Australian crowds had treated English teams very fairly indeed, but a certain section of them, known as the barrackers, were no good to man nor beast. (Cheers.) He had read an article written by "Mid-on." He asked them to read it, and consider whether it was a fair criticism on his speech in Sydney. (Cries of "No; it isn't.") That writer said that he (Mr. Stoddart) made his remarks suffering the bitterness of defeat. Such statements were as mean, contemptible, and bad as they were untrue. He had spoken against the barracking and the unfairness of a section of the press purely in the interests of the game of Australian and English cricketers and of the spectators, and he had received numerous letters from spectators congratulating him on the good he had attempted to do in this direction. It was absolutely impossible for a cricketer to do his best when howled at by sections of the crowd. Therefore he asked the M.C.C. to suppress this barracking in the interests of the game. He wished to thank the M.C.C. for their great kindness to his team, and for having made their tour so pleasurable. Had it not been for the two evils he had spoken of this would have been the most delightful trip he had ever had in Australia. The two managers, Major Wardill and Mr. Sheridan, had done everything to help them along, and he hoped Major Wardill would be the manager of the next Australian team that visited England. (Cheers.)

During the evening Prince Ranjitsinhji, Mr. Mason, and Mr. Druce were presented with badges of life honorary membership, and as each name was mentioned the company cheered lustily. It was explained by the president that both Mr. Stoddart and Mr. M'Laren were already life honorary members; but as the former was relieved of his badge at the same time that his watch and chain were stolen, he was presented with a new badge.

Prince Ranjitsinhji, in response to calls, said that notwithstanding the impressions caused by the various remarks floating about in the newspapers he had had a most enjoyable time. (Applause.) He had had, in fact, a glorious time, and it was due to the kind hospitality of the M.C.C. and Sydney trustees. He highly valued the badge presented to him, and would always regard it as the blue ribbon of Australian cricket. (Applause.)

CHURCH NEWS.

PETERSHAM BAPTIST SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

The anniversary services in connection with the above were held on Sunday. Rev. P. J. Stephen preached in the morning, Rev. S. Harrison addressed the scholars in the afternoon, and the pastor (Dr. Porter) took the evening service. The attendances during the day were very large. Special hymns were rendered by the scholars under the leadership of Mr. F. R. King, assisted by the organist (Miss Page) and the orchestra. The annual tea meeting was held on Tuesday, when a large number of scholars and friends attended. The public meeting was presided over by the superintendent of the school (Mr. F. R. King), and on the platform were the Revs. Dr. Porter, R. J. Middleton, and other friends. The fourteenth annual report showed an increase of 17 scholars and one teacher, the roll now numbering 518 scholars and 32 teachers. Eighteen scholars had joined the church during the year. The treasurer's report showed an income of £68 4s 2d on the general account, £65 5s 8d had been disbursed, leaving a credit balance of £2 18s 6d. £55 8s 11d had been raised and divided between the home and foreign missions, including a special grant of £5 to the La Perouse Aboriginal Mission, one of the teachers, Miss R. Dixon, having been accepted as resident missionary to that Mission during the year. Addresses were given by Dr. Porter, Miss Dixon, and the superintendent, and a programme of singing and recitations was gone through by the scholars. A special item of interest was the rendering of a hymn by some of the La Perouse aboriginal children under the care of Miss Dixon.

ST. MATTHIAS' CHURCH, PADDINGTON.

On Tuesday evening a popular entertainment was given in St. Matthias' Hall, Oxford-street, Paddington, in aid of the Band of Hope Picnic Fund. The Rev. J. W. Gillett, B.A., presided over a large attendance. Mr. S. Phillips presented the secretary's annual report. A lengthy programme of songs, recitations, dialogues, &c., was well carried out by the Misses Nellie Pointing, O. Carrugati, Ruby and Maud Herrod, Bertha Griffiths, Rogers, C. Turtle, Hilliard, N. Holden, Violet Hannan, Emily Chandler, A. Griffiths, R. Holden, and others.

A memorial service under the auspices of the Ashfield Women's Christian Temperance Union was held on Tuesday evening last at the Wesleyan Church, Liverpool-road, Ashfield. The members of the union had arranged the service to mark their deep sorrow at the death of the late Miss Frances Willard, the world's president of the W.C.T.U., and also to express their appreciation of the noble work done by that inestimable lady.

PADDINGTON PROTECTION MEETING.

The Paddington protectionists held a meeting at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Windsor-street, Paddington, last evening, at which there was a large attendance. The chair was occupied by Mr. John White, J.P. (president of the local union).

Alderman T. J. West moved,—"That this meeting of Paddington electors demands that a policy of 'protection' shall replace as soon as possible the present policy of 'freetrade,' which has proved so disastrous to the best interests of this colony," and in doing so said that four years ago Mr. Reid, the present Premier of the colony, entered into power, backed up with great influence, and if he had used that power in a proper manner New South Wales would have been in advance of any of the other colonies at the present time. Instead of which we were in a worse position to-day than we were at the time of the great bank failures. Mr. Reid had brought into existence a land and income tax that had done much to depreciate the value of properties to a very great extent. The Premier professed to be in favour of Upper House reform, but he took good care to swell the number in the Upper House with 12 of his own satellites. He (the speaker) considered that the Upper House had saved the country from absolute ruin.

Alderman J. Clampett, in seconding the motion, said he desired to see locomotives made in the colony.

Mr. J. Chanter, M.L.A., in supporting the motion, said very shortly the electors of the colony would be called upon to decide as to who should do the work for the colony—themselves or foreign labour. Freetrade meant protection for the foreigner against the people of the colony, whilst protection meant protecting the people against the foreigner. (Hear, hear.) During the past year nearly £5,000,000 had been sent out of the colony to pay for goods imported into it. He was quite satisfied that the eyes of the electors had been opened, and he trusted that at the forthcoming elections they would all vote for their wives and themselves.

Mr. George Hoskins and Mr. T. Armfield supported the motion, which upon being put to the meeting, was declared carried. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

HODGSON, SMITH, AND CO.'S PICNIC.

The sixth annual picnic of the employees of Messrs. Hodgson, Smith, and Co., of the Summer Hill Emporium, was held yesterday at Fern Bay under favourable circumstances. The journey from Summer Hill was made by road, five four-in-hand drags being called into requisition to convey the party, numbering about 150, to the pleasure-grounds. Arriving about 3 p.m., light refreshments were partaken, after which various amusements were indulged in. In the commodious pavilion dancing was spiritedly carried on to excellent music supplied by Hughes' String Band, Messrs. W. H. Andrews, A. Benjamin, G. Wilson, A. Murray, and P. Smith acting as M.C. Rounders, swings, roundabouts, and other amusements, including a cricket match from sides chosen on the ground by the travellers and Messrs. Hodgson and Smith helped to pass a pleasant afternoon, the game ending in a draw. To commemorate the occasion a photograph of the whole company was taken. Later in the evening a banquet was served in a portion of the pavilion, the catering being in the hands of the lessee (Mr. Lane), the menu being liberal and the decorations of the tables tasteful. The chair was occupied by Mr. S. G. Smith, who proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were honoured with enthusiasm, as also was "The Day We Celebrate." Mr. W. Andrews then proposed "Our Employers," and in doing so took occasion to refer to the cordial nature of the relations existing between employers and employees. The toast having been duly honoured, Mr. S. G. Smith and Mr. F. S. Hodgson responded, expressing the pleasure it gave them to be present. "The Visitors," proposed by Mr. A. Murray, was responded to by Messrs. F. Tetherleigh (Robert Reid and Co.), T. Morgan (W. Gardiner and Co.), and Stevenson (Henry Bull and Co.). An adjournment was then made to the dancing pavilion, and the rest of the evening pleasantly passed. The success which attended the reunion was due in a large measure to the untiring efforts of a committee consisting of Messrs. R. Grimshaw, A. Bradley, H. Armstrong, H. A. Hughes, J. Joyce, Josephson, A. Murray, and Percy Smith.

AGRICULTURAL SHOWS.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

ARMIDALE, Wednesday.

The combined Armidale and Glen Innes show was opened to-day. There was a large attendance. The day was occupied in judging over 500 sheep, which is a record. Mr. Van Wessen, of the "Sydney Mail," judged all classes. The cattle sections filled well, the exhibits being of high quality. There was a fine exhibition of horses. The entries number about 2500. The pavilion and agricultural sheds were filled with a splendid exhibition of fruits. The poultry classes number over 50, and were also well filled. Fat sheep and cattle are of superior quality. There was a large attendance of visitors from the border towns and Queensland, and also from Sydney. The following are the awards:—

Sheep.—Grand champion ram: R. Vickers. Grand champion ewe: Frederick R. White. Ram, open classes: Vickers, 1; Fletcher Brothers, 2. Two rams, 2 years: F. White, 1; Vickers, 2. Two rams, 1 year: A. A. Dangar, 1; F. White, 2. Ewe: F. White, 1; Vickers, 2. Two ewes, 2 years: White, 1; Dangar, 2. 1 year: Vickers, 1; Dangar, 2. Three ram lambs: Dangar, 1; Vickers, 2. Ewe lambs: Dangar, 1; Bloomfield, 2. New England-bred ram: Dangar, 1 and 2. Two rams, 2 years: White Brothers, 1; Dangar, 2. 1 year: Dangar, 1; White Brothers, 2. Ewe: F. G. Taylor, 1; Dangar, 2. Two ewes, 2 years and 1 year: Dangar, 1; T. H. Ross, 2. Three ram lambs: Dangar, 1; Taylor, 2. Ewe lambs: Ross, 1; Dangar, 2. Heavy combing ram: Dangar, 1; Fletcher Brothers, 2. Two rams: Dangar. Ewe: Dangar, 1; Ross, 2. Farmer's ram, any age, two rams, 2 and 1 year, ewe any age, and 2 years: John Cameron, 1. Ewes, 2 years: Richard Roberts, 1; Munzie Brothers, 2. Seconds, three rams: Mrs. Parrott, 1. Ewe lambs: Roberts. Unhoused special ram and two rams, any age: Taylor. Two rams, 2 years: F. R. White. Ewe, any age: F. White. Two ewes, any age: Ross. Two ewes, 2 years: Dangar. Wool-selling Brokers' prizes.—Best ram: Dangar. Ewe: Taylor. Two rams and ewes: Dangar. John Cameron takes three special prizes in the farmers' classes, and Roberts one. Special for New England bred ram: Dangar. Cattle.—Durham bull: W. T. Cadell. Young bull: J. W. Sisson. Cow and heifer: H. M. Croft. Hereford bull, old and young: Mrs. A. Wright. Cow: James Moore. Heifer: Mrs. Wright. Devon bull, old and young, and cow: Croft. Heifer: Bigg. White Brothers took all prizes for polled Angus. Dairy cattle: White Brothers, Warner, Moorehead, Moore, M'Donald, and Cook take the principal prizes. Fat cattle: Dangar, Cadell, A. M. White, and Croft, first prizes. Fat sheep: Cadell most first; Holloway and Hay, one first each. Farmers' cattle: Sisson, Warner, Moore, Chisholm, and Dawson, all first prizes. Long-wool sheep: Dangar, Lincolns; Bliss, Shropshires—first prizes; Hay, crossbreds. Blood stallions: P. and J. Short's Yellow Jacket, champion. Coaching and hackney stallions: F. R. White. Draught stallion: C. Sewell, champion; Short, 1. Pony stallion: E. G. Seabrooke, champion; Sewell (stallion over 12). Blood mare: R. Marshall. Champion filly: J. J. Bliss. Coaching: F. J. White. Draught: P. Killen, champion, and mare with foal. Suffolk Punch: Sisson. Pony Mare: F. J. White, champion. 14st. hackney: G. H. Crawford; 11st., F. R. White. Lady's hack: Ibberson, Tubbs. Galloway: Edward White. Pony, 14 hands: F. J. White; 12½ hands, A. M. White. Riding pony: J. M'Donald. Carriage and buggy horses: F. R. White. Single buggy: Ibberson, Tubbs. Buggy ponies: F. J. White; not over 12½ hands, G. Jenkins. Single pony: A. Rogerson. Springcart horse: D. Jackson. Plough horses: R. Nicholls. Wool: Scoured, Cadell; greasy, J. Mitchell (all prizes).

The London correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian" has seen a letter from one of the German Consuls in China in which the writer states that he and his colleagues have jointly reported to Berlin urging the German Government to subsidise a company to run a service of light-draught steamers on the Yangtse. This suggestion seems to be based on the fact that the trade is at present carried on almost exclusively in junks under British control, and it is thought that these might be easily "run off" the river by an organised German enterprise in which the Government "assisted."

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE TURF.

Pony and galloway races will be held at Kensington to-day, the first event starting at 2.15 p.m. Facilities will be afforded by omnibus and tramway services for reaching the course. Oxide has been scratched for the Novice Welter Handicap, and Kathleen for the Fourteen Hands Handicap.

The Kensington proprietary will hold pony and galloway races on Thursday and Saturday, April 21 and 22.

Wenlock was yesterday struck out of the A.J.C. Doncaster Handicap.

Gladstone Picnic and Merricumbene R.C. race meetings were yesterday granted registration by the A.J.C.

The adjustment for the Warwick Farm March Meeting, which takes place next Saturday, saw the light yesterday, and are set forth elsewhere in this issue. As might have been anticipated, Loch Marie heads the list for the Flying Handicap, and with 9st 11lb she has not been overburdened, for the well-performed daughter of Lochiel has proved herself a weight-carrier. True Blue, who follows with a concession of 6lb, has quite enough; but Amourette, Thrift, Ettebab, Earl Rosebery, and Alceste have none the worst of the fixtures. Fassifern, who is in the post of honour for the Stewards' Mile, should be nicely suited with 9st 10lb; and Tripos, The Sketch, and April Fool have not been overburdened. Alaria, who is at the top of the tree in the Two-year-old Handicap, has been fairly used when asked to carry 9st 6lb; and the speedy Mishap has reason to be content with 8lb less; while Jenny Moore, Avalon, Ranjitsinhji, Miss Trenton, Eulong, Lady Killer, and Tact appear to have been treated with a shade of leniency. Foliage, Talavera, Sam, Lady Trenville, La Carabine, Giril, and Pense-a-Moi appear to have slightly the best of the figures in the Warwick Farm Handicap, and Wat Tyler, Gozorina, Sailor Boy, Coombewood, Savourneen, Prince Charlie, and Alceste have not been overrated in the Pace Welter.

The following racehorses left Sydney yesterday for the purpose of taking part in the March meeting at Newcastle to-day:—Portland, Hereward, Theorem, Town Clock, Quadret, Blacklock, The Sketch, Coal Queen, Gozoczar, Brazen Lad, Annadour, Plutus, Raven's Plume, Betsy Prig, Marechal Niel, and Whakawatea. This morning Loch Marie and Foliage also leave for Newcastle.

The racing gelding Warwo, by Bosworth-River Princess, left last night by mail train for Melbourne.

Pony and galloway races will be held at Canterbury Park on Wednesday next. Entries for the different events close with the secretary, Mr. W. L. Davis, at 5 p.m. on Friday next. The programme will be found in our business columns.

Two Arab stallions, White Czar and Hussar, and the English-bred horse Favour, by Favo from Rossidine, by Barcaldine, purchased in India by Mr. J. L. Tulloch, of the Scone district, arrived in Sydney yesterday, and were forwarded to quarantine. White Czar is a handsome grey about 13.2½, while Hussar is a shapely chestnut somewhat bigger than his companion; and Favour is a long low-set strongly built bay.

The Newcastle Cup yesterday monopolised the attention of backers in the local betting market, the following prices being on offer last night:—5 to 1 v. Brazen Lad, 8 to 1 v. Marechal Neil, 10 to 1 each v. Raven's Plume and Moama, 12 to 1 v. Speculation, 14 to 1 each v. Hempie and Foliage, 15 to 1 each v. Tramp, York, Betsy Prig, The Sketch, and P.N., 20 to 1 v. others.

The time for receiving entries for the pony and galloway races to be run at Brighton on Monday has been extended until 5 p.m. to-day.

Pony and trotting races will be held at Lillie Bridge to-night, the first race commencing at 8.15 p.m.

TAMWORTH JOCKEY CLUB.

TAMWORTH, Wednesday.

A special meeting of the Jockey Club was held to-night (Mr. C. Baldwin, the president, in the chair) to determine a ballot for two committeemen. Mr. D. J. Maxwell and Dr. Walley were elected.

VICTORIAN SPORTING NEWS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Mr. Menzies has abandoned his appeal to the V.R.C. against the decision of the Caulfield stewards in the Ailsa Craig case.

MELBOURNE BETTING MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

At the Victorian Club to-day 100 to 8 was offered on the field for the A.J.C. Doncaster Handicap. Adoration, Vidette, Reaper, and Bobadil were all quoted at that price. These horses were backed in doubles with Cravat, Aurum, and Battalion for the Sydney Cup. Aurum is the favourite for the Sydney Cup at 7 to 1.

MOOREFIELD PONY AND GALLOWAY RACES.

The pony and galloway races held at Moorefield yesterday were fairly well attended. The results were as follows:—

Park Stakes of 20 sovs., 4 furlongs.—C. Clifton ns br g Challenge, 5 years, 9st 3lb (F. Kuhn), 1; W. Martin ns ch g Mussulman, 5 years, 8st 7lb (P. Hayes), 2; E. Braithwaite's ch h Bonnie Doon, 3 or 4 years, 7st 10lb (C. Dean), 3. Other starters: Bloom, 8st; J. K., 6st 9lb, including 2lb over. Betting: 5 to 4 each v. Mussulman and Challenge, 6 to 1 each v. J. K. and Bonnie Doon. Won by a neck, two lengths between second and third. Time, 52½ seconds.

Carlton Handicap (14.2) of 20 sovs., 4 furlongs.—G. Gallimore's b m Iessia, aged, 8st 5lb (Gallimore), 1; H. Reid ns br m Constance, 5 years, 7st 2lb (W. Hutton), 2; E. Hughes's b m Lady Sturt, aged, 7st 6lb (Allen), 3. Other starters: Laurette, 8st 12lb; Marionette, 8st 8lb; Pink 'Un, 8st 7lb; Will o' the Wisp, 6st 8lb, including 1lb over. Betting: 5 to 4 v. Lady Sturt, 7 to 2 v. Marionette, 4 to 1 v. Iessia, 5 to 1 v. Constance. Won by a length, two lengths between second and third. Time, 52½ seconds.

Welter Handicap (15.0) of 20 sovs., 5 furlongs.—C. O'Connor ns br g The Count, aged, 7st 7lb (Howard), 1; C. Clifton ns br g Challenge, 5 years, 9st, including 7lb penalty (F. Kuhn), 2; E. M. Dickinson's br g Little King, aged, 8st 5lb (T. Woodgate), 3. Other starters: Howlong, 9st; Maybe, 8st 5lb; Mussulman, 8st. Betting: 2 to 1 each v. Challenge and Little King, 7 to 2 v. The Count, 7 to 1 v. Maybe. Won by half a length, a length and a half between second and third. Time, 1 minute 6 seconds.

Tempe Handicap (14.3) of 20 sovs., 5 furlongs.—J. Thorpe's ch g Butler, aged, 6st 12lb (Howard), 1; T. Ward ns br m Baabee, 4 years, 7st 7lb (Sleigh), 2; F. Smith's rn m Ivis, aged, 7st 7lb, including 7lb penalty (Malone), 3. Nannie, 6st 9lb, including 1lb over, also started. Betting: 5 to 4 v. Butler, 6 to 4 v. Baabee, 3 to 1 each v. Ivis and Nannie. Won by half a length, a similar distance between second and third. Time, 1 minute 5½ seconds.

Rockdale Handicap (14.0) of 20 sovs., 4 furlongs.—G. M. Thom's br m Little Essie, 4 years, 7st (F. Kuhn), 1; C. Peters ns b g Cigarette, aged, 8st 8lb (Duval), 2; D. Vallance's b m Yellow Mantle, 6 years, 7st (Crockett), 3. Other starters: Bessie M., 1st; Jubilee, 7st 10lb; Sweet Talk, 7st 6lb; Dainty, 6st 12lb; Sandy, 6st 7lb. Betting: 5 to 4 on Cigarette, 4 to 1 v. Bessie M., 5 to 1 v. Yellow Mantle, 6 to 1 v. Little Essie. Won by a length and a half, a length between second and third. Time, 54 seconds.

Kogarah Handicap (15.0) of 25 sovs., 7 furlongs.—W. Palmer's blk g Cadow, 6 years, 7st 7lb (Whitbread), 1; C. O'Connor ns br g The Count, aged, 7st, including 7lb penalty (Howard), 2; W. Hector ns blk h Arden, 4 years, 8st 12lb (Garland), 3. Other starters: Peri, 9st 7b; Margravine, 8st 11lb; Wilga, 8st; Silver Hill, 7st; Blue Cap, 6st 10lb; Parthian, 6st 7lb. Betting: Even money on Cadow, 3 to 1 v. Arden, 4 to 1 v. The Count, 6 to 1 v. Peri, 10 to 1 each v. Wilga and others. Won by half a length, two lengths between second and third. Time, 1 minute 33 seconds.

HAWKES BAY JOCKEY CLUB.

FIRST DAY.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

The autumn meeting of the Hawkes Bay Jockey Club was commenced to-day, when the race for the principal event resulted as follows:—

Hawkes Bay Cup of 400 sovs., 1½ mile.—Mr. T. Quinlivan's br c Douglas, by Crawford Priory—Good Fruit, 5 years, 1; Zanella, 2; Primula, 3. Time, 2 minutes 39 1-5 seconds.

LILLIE BRIDGE RACES.

The following weights have been declared for the races to be run at Lillie Bridge to-night:—

Fourteen-one Handicap, 4 furlongs.—Sweetheart II., 10st 4lb; Spec, 9st 3lb; Prude, 8st 7lb; Siren, 8st 3lb; Victor, 8st 2lb; Winnie, 7st 4lb.

Thirteen-two Handicap, 3 furlongs.—Topsy, 8st 6lb; Virginia, 8st 4lb; Eurobin, 8st 2lb; Matsa, 8st; Little Nora, 8st.

Pony and Horse Trot, 1½ mile.—Jessie, 2 seconds in front; Jerry, 5 seconds behind; Cockie, 5 seconds behind; Lucy, 5 seconds behind; Lord Beldon, 9 seconds behind; Mummell Boy, 14 seconds behind; Bluey, 19 seconds behind.

Lillie Bridge Handicap, all heights, 5 furlongs.—Shop Boy, 9st 10lb; Fly Boots, 8st 13lb; Gipsy, 8st 7lb; Baron, 8st 5lb; Wirroo, 8st 5lb; Tell Tale, 7st 8lb.

WARWICK FARM RACE CLUB.

Subjoined are the weights for the handicaps to be decided at the March meeting on Saturday next:—

Flying Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Loch Marie, 9st 11lb; True Blue, 9st 5lb; Cherry, 9st 2lb; Precaution, 7st 13lb; Carrara, 7st 12lb; Sailor Boy, 7st 11lb; The Gael, 7st 10lb; Amourette, 7st 8lb; Thrift, 7st 8lb; Giril, 7st 8lb; Ettebab, 7st 6lb; Rock Rose, 7st 2lb; Sweet Alice, 6st 12lb; Peter, 6st 8lb; Blanche Florence, 6st 8lb; Earl Rosebery, 6st 7lb; The King, 6st 7lb; Attila, 6st 7lb; Alceste, 6st 7lb.

Stewards' Mile.—Fassifern, 9st 10lb; Beverley, 9st 8lb; Tripos, 9st 6lb; Virtue, 9st 4lb; The Sketch, 9st; Flintlock, 7st 12lb; Alemene, 7st 12lb; Lilydale, 7st 8lb; Prince Charlie, 7st 8lb; April Fool, 7st 8lb; Ennis, 7st 7lb.

Two-year-old Handicap, 5 furlongs.—Alaria, 9st 6lb; Mishap, 8st 12lb; Jenny Moore, 8st 8lb; Avalon, 7st 13lb; Virginius, 7st 12lb; Marancn, 7st 11lb; Lyrist, 7st 11lb; Typhoon, 7st 9lb; Ranjitsinhji, 7st 7lb; Miss Trenton, 7st 4lb; Eulong, 7st; Lady Killer, 7st; Albater, 6st 12lb; Tact, 6st 10lb; Bashful, 6st 10lb; Blue Badge, 6st 7lb.

Warwick Farm Handicap, 1¼ mile.—Loch Marie, 9st 5lb; Foliage, 8st 9lb; Eastern King, 8st 5lb; Insulator, 8st 5lb; Talavera, 8st 5lb; Standard, 8st 2lb; Glendennon, 8st 2lb; Sam, 8st; Lady Trenville, 8st; Gozoczar, 7st 12lb; Carrara, 7st 8lb; Virtue, 7st 8lb; La Carabine, 7st 7lb; Giril, 7st 6lb; P.N., 7st 5lb; Pense-a-Moi, 7st 2lb; Syeria, 7st; Hempie, 6st 10lb; Plutus, 6st 10lb; Braeburn, 6st 7lb; Attila, 6st 7lb.

Pace Welter, 6 furlongs.—Fassifern, 11st; Wat Tyler, 10st 8lb; The Chief, 10st 6lb; Pharamond, 10st 5lb; Gozoreina, 10st 4lb; Ophir, 9st 12lb; Sailor Boy, 9st 12lb; Ettebab, 9st 6lb; Rock Rose, 9st 2lb; Coombewood, 8st 12lb; Savourneen, 8st 12lb; Templestowe, 8st 10lb; Prince Charlie, 8st 9lb; Earl Rosebery, 8st 9lb; Gozoetta, 8st 7lb; Flower King, 8st 7lb; Spring Gun, 8st 7lb; Senator, 8st 7lb; Blanche Florence, 8st 7lb; Juggler, 8st 7lb; Alceste, 8st 7lb.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The following weights in connection with the S.A.J.C. Autumn Meeting were declared this morning:—

Goodwood Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Resolute, 10st 4lb; Ayrshire, 9st 11lb; Auraria, 9st 7lb; Levar, 9st 3lb; Olaf, 8st 10lb; Paul Pry, 8st 9lb; Elousive, 8st 9lb; Staffa, 8st 8lb; The Parisienne, 8st 8lb; Common 8st 6lb; Fund, 8st 5lb; Fleet Admiral, 8st 5lb; Veneda, 8st 5lb; The Hypnotist, 8st 2lb; Ercildoune, 8st; Bloodstone, 8st; Australian, 8st; Duddingston, 7st 13lb; Bradford, 7st 13lb; Spencer, 7st 13lb; Eleusinian, 7st 12lb; Fitzroy, 7st 12lb; Hymettus, 7st 12lb; Tecoma, 7st 11lb; Royal Admiral, 7st 10lb; Thunder Queen, 7st 8lb; Bernice, 7st 8lb; Lochaler, 7st 7lb; Marryatville, 7st 7lb; Cronstadt, 7st 7lb; Hughie, 7st 7lb; Primrose, 7st 5lb; Blue Vest, 7st 5lb; Security, 7st 5lb; Alveary, 7st 5lb; Hempie, 7st 4lb; Lord Salisbury 7st 3lb; Tapioca, 7st 3lb; Princess of Wales, 7st 2lb; Rose Park, 7st 2lb; Quickshot, 7st 2lb; Songster, 7st; Contrast, 7st; Bruce Lowe, 6st 13lb; Dumps, 6st 12lb; The Hammer, 6st 12lb; Duke of Richmond, 6st 12lb; Blue Blood, 6st 10lb; Rigmarole, 6st 10lb; Tranquility, 6st 9lb; Severndale, 6st 8lb; Halena, 6st 7lb; Thackaringa, 6st 7lb; Electric, 6st 7lb; Kase, 6st 7lb; Recoup, 6st 7lb; Lake Bien, 6st 7lb.

Adelaide Cup, 1 mile 5 furlongs.—Battalion, 10st 6lb; Resolute, 9st 11lb; Ayrshire, 9st 9lb; Auraria, 9st 5lb; Le Var, 9st; Wait-a-Bit, 8st 7lb; Elousive, 8st 7lb; Catspaw, 8st 6lb; Paul Pry, 8st 5lb; The Parisienne, 8st 4lb; Staffa, 8st 3lb; Fleet Admiral, 8st 3lb; Viking, 8st; Mischief, 8st; Hear Hear, 7st 13lb; Devon, 7st 12lb; Australian, 7st 12lb; Eleusinian, 7st 11lb; The Hypnotist, 7st 11lb; Vakeel, 7st 11lb; Bradford, 7st 10lb; Fitzroy, 7st 10lb; His Grace, 7st 9lb; Tecoma, 7st 9lb; Spencer, 7st 9lb; Royal Admiral, 7st 7lb; Gnullo, 7st 7lb; Hymettus, 7st 7lb; Wild Bird, 7st 5lb; Bloodstone, 7st 5lb; Lord Richmond, 7st 4lb; Thunder Queen, 7st 4lb; Birkegate, 7st 4lb; Martini, 7st 4lb; Lord Grenville, 7st 3lb; Primrose, 7st 3lb; Hempie, 7st 2lb; Lord Salisbury, 7st 2lb; Goodwill, 7st 2lb; Princess of Wales, 7st; Songster, 6st 12lb; Duke of Richmond, 6st 10lb; Nackara, 6st 10lb; Supposition, 6st 9lb; Bruce Lowe, 6st 9lb; Kronberg, 6st 8lb; Zulu, 6st 7lb; Thackaringa, 6st 7lb; Conflict, 6st 7lb; Trentalto, 6st 7lb; Little Martin, 6st 7lb; Recoup, 6st 7lb.

BRIGHTON PONY AND GALLOWAY RACES.

The following are the weights for the pony and galloway races to be held at Brighton to-morrow:—

Tramway Handicap (14.3), 5 furlongs 10 yards.—Taupo, 9st 3lb; Discombe, 9st 2lb; Ivis, 8st 2lb; Bill Dean, 8st; Forgery, 7st 13lb; Constance, 7st 10lb; Melanite, 7st 9lb; Alice Manton, 7st 6lb; Polly II., 6st 13lb; Will-o'-the-wisp, 6st 7lb.

Tempe Handicap (13.0), about 3½ furlongs.—Yettonga, 9st 2lb; Patience, 8st 3lb; Lady Mulgrave, 8st; Little Splendide, 7st 12lb; Golden Bell, 7st 5lb; Fritz, 7st 2lb; Lillian, 7st 2lb; The Charmer, 7st; Charlie, 7st; Keeza, 7st; Eurobin, 6st 13lb; Ino, 6st 13lb; Olive, 6st 12lb; Blossom, 6st 10lb.

Beach Handicap (14.0), 4 furlongs 70 yards.—Marsano, 9st 5lb; Guy Fawkes, 8st 8lb; Sailor, 8st 7lb; King Parr, 7st 9lb; Crown Shell, 7st; Thirza (late Sarcenet), 6st 13lb; Levi, 6st 12lb; Sandy, 6st 12lb; Prude, 6st 7lb.

Bexley Handicap (14.1), 4 furlongs 70 yards.—Jubilee, 8st 4lb; Farewell, 8st 2lb; Lightfoot, 8st; May, 7st 13lb; F.W., 7st 9lb; Liz Manton, 7st 3lb; Caloola, 7st; Nursery, 6st 12lb; Harold (late Jupiter), 6st 10lb; D. wdrop, 6st 7lb; Carrie Swain, 6st 7lb; Laura (late Not Out), 6st 7lb.

Brighton Handicap (15.0), 6 furlongs 50 yards.—Mona II., 9st 2lb; Shop Boy, 8st 10lb; Bonnie Doon, 8st; Bega, 7st 10lb; Forgery, 7st 9lb; Disfigured, 7st 7lb; Romance, 6st 13lb.

CRICKET.

INTER-UNIVERSITY MATCH.

The match between representatives of the Universities of Sydney and Melbourne was continued yesterday on the University oval. The local eleven, who on the previous afternoon had lost four wickets for 379, continued batting. In addition to Delohery and Shortland, Clarke also registered a century—exactly—and finally the innings closed for the long score of 578. At call of time the visitors had lost seven wickets for 130. C. Miller played a very fine and chanceless innings for 64, but none of the others offered much resistance to King and Clarke's bowling. The following are the scores:—

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY.

C. Delohery, b Calder	116
W. Shortland, c Goller b Bullivant	154
L. O. S. Poidevin, b Calder	47
W. Dight, c and b Miller	8
G. R. C. Clarke, c Goller b Finlayson	100
H. Manning, b Calder	56
Dr. Terry, c Finlayson b Madden	33
A. I. Blue, c Finlayson b C. Miller	3
Dr. Stacey, not out	12
Tange, c L. Miller b H. Mackay	20
A. A. King, b Calder	14
Sundries	17
Total	578

Bowling Analysis.—Bullivant, one wicket for 44; L. Miller none for 29; Calder four for 167; C. Miller, two for 156; Finlayson, one for 18; Mackay, one for 21; Madden, one for 84; Ramsden, none for 18; Gates, none for 21.

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY.—First Innings.

Bullivant, c and b Clarke	12
L. Miller, b Clarke	9
C. Miller, b King	64
Madden, c Shortland b Clarke	3
Calder, run out	27
Finlayson, b King	2
R. Clarke, b Clarke	7
Gates, not out	0
Sundries	6
Seven wickets for	130

INTERCOLONIAL S.S. COMPANIES' MATCH.

The fourth annual match organised amongst players in the employ of leading shipping companies of Australia was commenced on Manly Oval yesterday. This annual event is contested in Melbourne and Sydney alternately between representatives of the several companies in the two cities, and this is the second occasion of its occurrence here. The firms represented are the A.U.S.N. Company, Messrs. M'Ilwraith, M'Eacharn, and Co., Messrs. Huddart, Parker, and Co., Messrs. Howard Smith and Son, and the Union S.S. Company. Many visitors connected with shipping interests put in an appearance during the play. The Melbourne players compiled the respectable score of 270 (playing 12 men), and the Sydney representatives have registered 62 without the loss of a wicket. The match will be concluded to-day. The following are the scores:—

MELBOURNE.—First Innings.

W. G. Davis, c A. Hayes, b Tillett	48	W. J. Lormer, c Tillett, b Chapman	10
J. E. Thorpe, c and b A. Hayes	3	H. Dougharty, b Pidgeon	17
C. J. Ford, b Tillet	42	W. G. Bath, b Pidgeon	18
J. Grace, b E. Hayes	16	C. M'Cathie, b E. Hayes	16
C. Austin, b A. Hayes	17	P. Heywood, not out	7
J. Bunslich, run out	59	Sundries	19
H. Siddeley, c Tillet b A. Hayes	5	Total	270

Bowling Analysis.—A. Hayes, 3 wickets for 69 runs; E. Hayes, 2 for 72; A. Tillet, 2 for 61; W. Chapman, 1 for 34; T. Pidgeon, 2 for 18.

SYDNEY.—First Innings.

A. Hayes, not out	29
B. Tillett, not out	29
Sundries	4
No wickets for	62

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

Among the more important cricket matches played in the district last Saturday were the following:—Wallerawang v. Ironworks (Cup match) was unfinished, Cooerwull Academy defeated Bowenfels by 8 runs, Capertee defeated Glen Alice by 41 runs, Lithgow v. Our Boys (semi-final for Cup) is not concluded.

FOOTBALL.

SYDNEY FOOTBALL CLUB.

The adjourned meeting of the newly formed Sydney Football Club was held last night at the Forbes Hotel. Mr. W. Speight occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance, nearly 40 footballers being present. The following officers were elected:—Patron, the Mayor of Sydney (Alderman M. Harris); president, Mr. J. F. Macmanamey; vice-presidents, Messrs. F. Webster, J. Nevill, C. Bell, P. Hordern, J. Buck, L. C. Russell Jones, M.L.A., L. M. Browne, P. Sheridan, E. E. Brooks, P. Davis, Colonel Lassetter, H. A. Simpson, W. Webber, S. Fairland, Quong Tart, E. Rogers, C. Taylor, W. Donnelly, A. H. Gregory, J. C. Davis, H. P. Lyne, W. Hall, W. Power, Dr. On Lee, and C. J. Danahey; general committee, Messrs. E. E. Brooks, A. A. Watson, J. Hunter, J. Cribb, and W. P. Jones; delegates to metropolitan branch, Messrs. L. M. Browne and R. P. Browne; auditors, Messrs. E. E. Brooks, F. Serisier; treasurer, Mr. B. Holland; hon. secretary, Mr. R. P. Browne. It was decided to allow the election of captain, vice-captain, and selection committee to stand over till next meeting. The season will open with a match against a combined juniors team on Easter Saturday at Norwood Park in aid of the Marrickville Hospital. The fifteen promises to be strong, and will include Hardcastle, late of New Zealand, and Blackwell, of Orange.

CYCLING.

CYCLIST UNION.

At the last meeting of the executive of the union H. Auker was elected an independent member. It was decided to hold the opening run of the season on Saturday, April 24.

To-morrow afternoon the union will hold a five miles test race on the Agricultural Ground, for the purpose of deciding on the representative to compete in the five miles championship of Australia, to be ridden in Melbourne on April 2.

REDFERN AND BALMAIN CLUBS.

A hitch has occurred in the Inter-Club Road Race, between the Redfern Bicycle Club and the Balmain Bicycle Club, fixed to take place next Saturday afternoon over the Botany course. The Balmains have refused to ride, owing to the alleged dangerous state of the roads. The Redferns have decided to ride over the course, and if the Balmains still refuse to compete will claim the race.

LEAGUE OF WHEELMEN.

A special meeting of the racing board of the league will be held on Friday night to consider the action of several members of the league who competed in a race not sanctioned by the league.

Competitors at the St. Patrick's Day Celebration Sports Meeting, to be held on the Sydney Cricket Ground to-day, will be admitted to the ground upon production of tickets, which can be obtained at the League Rooms.

MARCH CARNIVAL.

The heats of the second and third class handicap (the final of which is to be run on the first day) will be run off on Saturday afternoon at the Agricultural Ground. The draw for the heats is as follows:—

First Heat: F. Prowse, scratch; H. Harris, Symons, 5 yards; L. Corbett, 15; L. Hesse, 20; S. Fallick, 25; A. L. Ryan, 30; V. Doyle, 40; J. Hayes, 45; R. Wedd, 50; W. Lewis, 55; H. Clarke, H. Fulton, A. Strickland, J. Cliffe, 60; F. W. Coates, C. Davis, 65; H. Shiels, 75. Second heat: F. Corbett, J. Farrell, 5 yards; R. Adrian, 15; F. Holloway, A. Weilly, 25; J. Cromwell, 30; A. Brooke, 40; H. Shepherd, 45; F. Webb, 50; J. Munro, 55; G. Davison, R. Milroy, T. L. Smith, 60; L. Bennetts, J. Close, 65; W. Dunne, 70; W. Jonison, 75; W. Lyons, 85. Third heat: J. Rennie, 10 yards; A. Browne, 15; J. Holloway, 25; W. Sinclair, 30; C. Lester, 35; W. Lumsdaine, 40; F. Kemfrey, 45; W. Ternen, 50; E. Carr, 55; T. Whitehead, E. Naylor, E. Phelps, 60; H. Tucker, L. M'Innes, D. Cameron, 65; S. Fallick, 70; L. Raphael, 75; J. Constable, J. Normoyle, 80. Fourth heat: J. Bradbury, 35 yards; F. King, 45; A. Boyd, 50; H. Knight, 55; R. Elwin, J. Hendley, W. Matterson, T. Cartwright, F. Hynes, 60; W. Elliott, T. O'Shaughnessy, F. M'Donald, 65; J. Lucas, F. Drinkwater, 70; A. Prudames, J. Young, 75; G. Barker, F. Rundle, 80. Fifth heat: A. Grear, 45 yards; G. Porter, W. Foreman, A. Denny, A. S. Cohen, 60; A. Olive, W. Gahagan, 65; J. Green, H. Anderson, 70; T. Watson, H. Byrnes, 75; H. A. Tipper, 90; J. Stuart, 110; T. Barkell, 152; F. Eichler, 140; C. W. Prowse, 160; J. Buck, 180.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

The sports in connection with the St. Patrick's Day celebration have called forth a large number of entries. The principal event will be the Cardinal Cup, 100 yards; but other competitions that will create interest are the high jump, 880 yards handicap, long jump, 120 yards hurdles, mile steeplechase, one mile and half-mile flats, in addition to sundry cycle races.

ATHLETICS.

Yesterday Mr. S. Rowley, the champion sprinter, and Mr. W. Alexander, a prominent officer of the N.S.W. A.A.A., left for New Zealand for the purpose of being present at the sports meeting to be held at Auckland.

BOWLS.

INTERCOLONIAL MATCHES.

Yesterday afternoon a meeting of the selection committee was held at the office of Mr. A. Horrocks, secretary of the New South Wales Bowling Association, when the following gentlemen were picked to practise for the forthcoming intercolonial matches:—Punch, Howe, Widerstrom, Hanigan, Lane, Goddard, Coker, Locke, Kendle, Wynne, Roeder, Cohen, Akhurst, Whittle, Thomas, Groth, Cox, T. Forsythe, Delbridge, Harris, Jervis, Vaughan, A. Horrocks, and Bradbury. Mr. A. E. Butler was appointed umpire. The meeting was adjourned until Wednesday, the 6th proximo, when the committee will again meet at the Australia Hotel and the final selection be made. The first match will be played on the Ashfield green, the second at Cook Park, and the third at Victoria Park. The secretary has been asked to announce that it is the intention of the committee to give a preference to the gentlemen whose names have been mentioned who are assiduous in their practice.

THE GLENNISTER PRIZES.

In connection with the above competition for prizes presented by Mr. P. Glennister to members of the City Bowling Club the following draws have been played off:—

Mr. Butler (4 points) beat Mr. Candell (4 points), 31 to 28; Mr. H. Harris (scratch) beat Mr. Sheldon (5 points), 31 to 26. Mr. F. J. Josephson has received a bye from Mr. W. Corbett.

SAILING.

JOHNSTONE'S BAY SAILING CLUB.

At the meeting of this club held on Tuesday evening, and presided over by Mr. F. J. Donovan (commodore), arrangements were made for next Saturday's 18 to 20ft. race, the usual lightship and Shark Island course being chosen, and prizes fixed at £6, £3, £1; seven entries were received. A letter was read from Mr. A. Muston relative to the official measurer's report as to his boat Othello being over length, and it was decided to make further inquiry into the matter. A report was received from the sub-committee appointed to arrange a memorial to the late Mr. Thomas Langford. Mr. E. Gard Trouton has been appointed hon. secretary, and Mr. A. W. Crane hon. treasurer. It was announced that all aquatic clubs had been invited to assist in the movement.

SWIMMING.

CARNIVAL AT PARRAMATTA.

Yesterday afternoon the Parramatta municipal baths were crowded, when the first swimming carnival of the Public schools in the Parramatta district was held, under the auspices and control of the Public Schools' Athletic Association. The Hon. Jacob Garrard, Minister of Public Instruction, was present. Following are the results:—

Parramatta South 42 Yards Handicap.—First heat: C. Luckey, 6 seconds, 1; V. Hill, 10 seconds, 2. Second heat: G. Cott, 10 seconds, 1; F. Harvey, 3 seconds, 2. Third heat: M. Sweeney, 8 seconds, 1; W. Harvey, 8 seconds, 2. Final: M. Sweeney, 1; C. Luckey, 2.

Granville 42 Yards Handicap.—G. Porter, 5 seconds, 1; N. Fargie, scratch, 2.

Granville North 42 Yards Handicap.—R. Rothery, 10 seconds, 1; W. Wilby, 5 seconds, 2.

Parramatta North 40 Yards Handicap.—First heat: R. Johnson, 1; A. M'Kenzie, 2. Second heat: T. Moore, 1; F. Telfer, 2. Final: M'Kenzie, 1; Johnson, 2.

Rookwood 42 Yards Handicap.—R. Vick, 2 seconds, 1; V. Rolander, scratch, 2.

Carlingford 40 Yards Handicap.—C. Grimes, scratch, 1.

22 Yards Handicap (Boys under 12).—First heat: P. Penman, 9 seconds, 1; C. Sweeney, 2. Second heat: M. Sweeney, 2 seconds, 1. Final: C. Sweeney, 1; P. Penman, 2; M. Sweeney, 3.

100 Yards District Championship.—C. Lamb (Parramatta South), 1; A. Rowley (Granville North), 2. Time, 1 minute 21 4-5 seconds. This is the fastest time yet recorded in the district carnivals, beating the Illawarra time by 1-5 of a second.

42 Yards Open Handicap.—First heat: S. Burton, 7 seconds, 1; R. Riglesford, 6 seconds, 2. Second heat: A. Rowley, scratch, 1; N. Fargie, 3 seconds, 2. Third heat: C. Lamb, scratch, 1; F. Harvey, 4 seconds, 2. Final: Riglesford, 1.

Walking Greasy Pole: Fargie and Drinkwater tied.

84 Yards Schools Handicap.—C. Lamb, scratch, 1; D. Hack, 5 seconds, 2; J. Beach, 7 seconds, 3.

KIAMA, Wednesday.

A swimming carnival, under the auspices of the Kiama Swimming Club, took place at Blow Hole Point this afternoon, and caused a good deal of local interest. The winners of the principal events were:—R. Cockerill, L. Deitz, F. O'Toole, J. M'Andrews, F. Hutley, Lambert, and J. Hurst. After the principal events there were several exhibitions of fancy swimming, in which those who took part acquitted themselves to the satisfaction of the spectators, of whom there were a fair number present.

PIGEON SHOOTING.

A right-out trophy, presented by Mr. A. N. M'Lennan was competed for at the New South Wales Gun Club Grounds, Botany, yesterday, and resulted in a win for Mr. H. J. Merewether. Following were the scores:—

H. J. Merewether, 24 yards, 11 kills; H. Riddick, 26, 10; *Linden, 30, 9; C. N. D. Richardson, 23, 9; *Redcliffe, 23, 8; A. J. Usher, 22, 8; *Cooma, 24, 7; H. Garratt, 31, 7; *Randwick, 21, 7; *Williams, 23, 3; G. R. M'Intosh, 28, 3; *Charles, 21, 1; G. B. Modin, 26, 0.

Miss-out Sweepstakes.—No. 1, divided by Messrs. C. N. D. Richardson, H. Garratt, *Williams, and *Cooma, with 6 kills; No. 2, divided by Messrs. C. N. D. Richardson, H. Riddick, and A. J. Usher, with 2 kills; No. 3, divided by Messrs. N. A. M'Lennan, H. Garratt, and J. Hamilton, with 4 kills; No. 4, divided by Messrs. A. J. Usher, *Williams, and Linden, with 9 kills.

* Assumed names.

On Friday next, 18th instant, the third competition for the Queen's trophy will take place.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE STRAUS BENEFIT.

The movement for organising a benefit for Mr. Edgar Straus, the well-known 'cellist, received an impetus at the largely-attended meeting at the Hotel Australia yesterday afternoon which should send it far towards the goal of its generous mission. Sir William Manning, who presided, introduced the matter in a few cordial words, acknowledging the good services rendered by Mr. Straus during the past 12 years, and referring to the ill-health which, unfortunately, had been the cause of that preliminary meeting. He was sure they all hoped to see Mr. Straus actively engaged amongst them once more; and in the meantime they were determined to make the proposed benefit concert a thorough success. (Applause.) On the motion of Messrs. F. Kellermann and H. Poussard all present formed themselves into a general committee for the purpose indicated. This list included the Mayoress (Mrs. M. Harris), a great number of ladies, and Messrs. Sykes, Lawrence Campbell, Marsh, Allpress, Riccardi, Packer, Aengenheyster, Hankins, Staedtgen, Woodhouse, Fitzgerald, Haron, J. C. W. Nicholson, Sydney Moss, and Dr. Philip. An executive committee was then formed with Sir William Manning as president, Miss Woolley and Mr. John Laure as hon. secretaries, Messrs. H. Gorman and M. E. a'Beckett as hon. treasurers, and the Mayoress, Mesdames Boeson, Soldene, Slattery, Kendall, and Dr. Philip, and Messrs. Riccardi, Brinsmead, Aengenheyster, Marsh, and Kellermann as ordinary members. It is the intention of the committee to work up the affair vigorously, as musical circles generally are warmly interested in it.

TOWN HALL ORGAN RECITALS.

The City Organist opened his recital yesterday afternoon with Guilmant's fine "Sonata No. 5, op. 80," of which, however, owing to its great length, he omitted a portion. In place of playing the five movements noted on the programme, Mr. Wiegand played only the second and last. The tender andante from Widor's "Fourth Symphony" followed, and the same composer's spirited "Marche Americaine" was then substituted for Clement Loret's "Cantabile." Bach's "Grand Fuga in G minor" and an "Offertoire in B flat," dedicated by M. Guilmant "to his friend, M. Wiegand," were included in a programme in which selections from Weber's "Oberon" were interpolated as the closing number. The City Organist will play again on Saturday evening.

PYRMONT POLITICAL LABOUR LEAGUE.

Last night a public meeting was held under the auspices of the Pyrmont Political Labour League from the Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, Harris-street, for the purpose of taking steps to organise the electors of West Sydney for the forthcoming general election. Mr. Samuel Smith (general secretary of the Seamen's Union) presided.

Mr. J. C. Watson, M.L.A., said one of the main reasons that actuated them in calling the electors together was to explain any action they might have taken and for organising their forces. The present member, Mr. Thomas Davis, he might inform them, had told him personally that he would not contest this seat or any other seat throughout the colony, so they would see there was a reason for immediate steps to select a representative to contest the seat in the interests of labour. To those critics who said that the labour party had done nothing to further the interests or better the condition of the people he would say that it would not be found in certain sections of the press who were continuously maligning them, but let them consult the official records of Parliament. Possibly they had not got all they desired, but they had been instrumental in getting instalments, and had made a valiant effort to get other legislation brought to a state of fruition. The labour party were only 18 strong, and yet it was expected that they should get everything they had advocated. That was absolute folly. Their presence, however, had a material influence in the House, and would continue to be felt. All the forces of the reactionaries were used to misrepresent them. They were charged with being responsible for the closing of factories, the dearth of employment, and the reduction of wages. In answer to this he would explain that he had just returned from a trip through his own and other electorates, and he could say that never before was there such an amount of employment; and in some cases it was difficult to procure men in connection with the harvesting season.

Mr. W. M. Hughes, M.L.A., said that in all the political institutions of the world there were the two great parties, but it was the existence of the third party that was instrumental in pushing on the measure of reform. He then, by various illustrations, proceeded to show the basis on which all third parties should rest. So far as their experience in this colony was concerned it was only by accident that the labour party were found supporting the freetrade Government, and hence earned the unmitigated contempt of the gentlemen who sat in opposition; and he presumed if the position were reversed they would experience the same sort of treatment. In any case the reforms for the people must be carried on, as it was one of the elements of their existence that discontent would exist no matter what measures were brought forward. It was remarkable, he thought, that 18 members of the labour party could stand together in the manner they had done, but it was an evidence of the sincerity of their convictions that it had been done. Whether they had freetrade or protection was no matter to him; but he did express the hope that they would ally themselves with the reform movement.

On the motion of Mr. Lamond a cordial vote of thanks was conveyed to the members for their addresses.

The grand ball given by the Duke of Devonshire, as Mayor of Eastbourne, at the Devonshire Park Pavilion on January 26, was on a scale of magnificence hitherto unknown in that town. Some 500 guests had been invited by the Duke and Duchess, and the dance music was performed by the Blue Hungarian Band.

THE TROUBLES OF CHINA.

SQUEEZED BY RUSSIA, FRANCE, GERMANY, AND JAPAN.

The recent cablegrams indicative of the helpless plight in which China finds herself owing to the demands of Russia for territorial concessions in Manchuria, the claims of Germany for a footing on Chinese territory at Kiaochau, the pressure brought to bear by France to secure payment of an indemnity to the families of Frenchmen killed by bands of Chinese marauders, and finally the demand of Japan that the Chinese war indemnity should be paid to her without further delay, are amplified by English files to hand.

Commenting on the demand of Japan to be paid the cost of the war in which she humbled China the Peking correspondent of the London "Times" writes: "The country is helpless, and is unable to pay the indemnity except by instalments, but nurses the hope that Japan will probably agree to an extension of time. Meanwhile an Imperial decree authorises the issue of 100,000,000 taels of Treasury bonds bearing interest at 5 per cent. It appeals to the officials, gentry, and merchants to assist the issue in the remote possibility of raising sufficient to meet the instalment due in May. The method proposed increases the growing distrust of the Government. Similar bonds issued at the time of the war in 1859 were repudiated in 1862. The Japanese Minister has intimated with regret to the Tsung-li-Yamen that his Government, having regard to the obligations contracted by Japan, is unable to grant an extension of time for the payment of the indemnity. Though no official statement has been made on the subject, the British loan negotiations are regarded as having failed."

The "Manchester Guardian" states that the main cause of the collapse of the loan negotiations is that the Chinese Government had reason to suspect that even if they paid off the Japanese in accordance with the treaty of peace, the latter might nevertheless continue to hold Wei-hai-wei during the present unsettled state of affairs in China.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the "Times" telegraphed on February 8 as follows:—"According to intelligence from a trustworthy source, the Chinese Government has finally abandoned the idea of contracting a loan either in London or anywhere else. Russia objects to the Chinese proposal for the equal division of the loan between Great Britain and Russia. The Russian Government also objects to Great Britain now claiming conditions which Russia only demanded in case of default. It is, however, contended that the Russian objection can only apply to the stipulations formulated by Great Britain for ensuring the due collection of the land tax. A German firm has offered to negotiate a loan for China to bear interest at 6 per cent. with issue price at 94. An Imperial decree has been promulgated in Peking inviting subscriptions for an internal loan of 100,000,000 taels, for which amount Treasury bonds, presumably of 100 taels each, will be issued, bearing interest at 5 per cent., and redeemable in 20 years. Principal and interest will be covered out of the land and salt taxes. The amount is required to meet the instalment of the Japanese war indemnity due in May. The prospect of obtaining it is, however, regarded as illusory, and, in fact, the issue of the decree is believed to be merely intended to 'give China a face.' The German Minister has requested the Sung-li-Yamen to instruct the Viceroy of Nanking to receive Prince Henry on his arrival at Shanghai.

A despatch from Peking on February 10 states that Baron Heyking, the German Minister, continues to press for the right to construct a railway to I-chow or to a point in the Kiangsu province, as compensation for the murder of the German sentry. Herr von Bulow, the German Foreign Secretary, speaking in the Reichstag on German action in China, said that the despatch of the cruiser squadron to Kiao-chau was the result of ripe deliberation. "From the commercial point of view," he said, "we require a door leading to the Chinese markets such as France possesses in Tonking, England in Hongkong, and Russia in the north. Without a territorial 'point d'appui' German enterprises in China would in the end have benefited others more than ourselves. . . . The German squadron in Chinese waters requires a harbour where German ships, without being dependent upon the goodwill of foreign Governments, can be equipped, provisioned, and in case of necessity, repaired. The prestige and the fighting efficiency of our fleet are doubled when it no longer sails about without a home, but has a harbour for its headquarters and its habitation." France being in Tonking, England in Hongkong, Russia on the Amur, and even Spain, Portugal, and Holland having possessions of their own in the Far East, Germany had to follow their example, unless she was willing to remain a second-class Power in that part of the world." We are in harmony with Russia, whose interests in Europe nowhere clash with ours, and in East Asia in many cases run parallel to ours. We are very far from desiring to oppose legitimate English interests in any way or anywhere." The rent to be paid to China was not intended as an equivalent for the land which had been leased, but "a formality of the kind known to jurists as a rent of acknowledgment involving an admission of continued theoretical possession by the Emperor of China." The Chinese Government had agreed to entrust to a Chino-German railway company the construction of a railway from Kiao-chau to a point of junction with the projected great Chinese railway system. The railway was to be planned so as to touch the coalfields of Weih-sien and Foshan. The right to work these coalfields was to be conceded to German enterprise. "An inquisitive diplomatist" had asked him (Herr von Bulow) how long he thought the Chinese Empire would continue to exist. His reply was, "The Chinese Empire has existed for 4377 years, and I see no reason why it should not go on existing for at least 3000 years longer."

As to the position of France, it is stated that M. Dubois, the French Chargé d'Affaires, has formulated unreasonable demands upon the Tsung-li-Yamen. Among other things he requires the payment of an indemnity to the family of a Frenchman who was kidnapped in Tong-king—as is alleged, by Chinese brigands—and subsequently liberated. Eight days are given for a favourable reply, in default of which French action in the south will become necessary. The reply must necessarily be unfavourable, and the Chinese are helplessly awaiting French action.

A correspondent of the "Pall Mall Gazette" writing from Paris states:—"Li Hung Chang is said to be the richest man in the world. His recent trip through Europe taught him at least one thing—that there were certain organs of the European press, the opinions of which were purchaseable—the papers were in fact for sale, body and soul. I have it from an absolutely sure source that his agents in Europe have recently been entering into negotiations for the purchase outright of some of the chief Continental papers. Li Hung Chang offered £15,000 for the 'Neue Freie Presse.' The market price, however, of this Viennese organ was stated to be £150,000, which the eminent statesman looked upon as too high. He also attempted to buy the 'Cologne Gazette.' The reply made to him by the proprietors of the 'Cologne Gazette' was superb, though it was not business, 'You may be the richest man in the world,' said they to Li Hung Chang, 'but all the millions in the world cannot purchase the "Cologne Gazette."' So when the press of Europe has been acquired by the Chinese there will still be at least one organ to maintain a proud and unyielding front against the yellow invasion."

MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the committee of the Municipal Association was held at the Town Hall yesterday afternoon, Alderman J. J. Wheeler (vice-president) being in the chair. The committee's report in regard to proposed amendments in the Municipalities Act was considered, and it was decided to submit the report to the Premier. The Dungog Council asked a question in regard to the election of Mayor. It appeared there were two candidates for the position, and the voting was equal. A choice was made, and the successful alderman did not make the usual declaration until about half an hour after he received the customary congratulations. The council asked if the declaration should not have been made before the congratulations were accorded, and if the business transacted since was legal. It was decided to answer that there was no illegality in the matter.

BRITISH ASTRONOMICAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday night the New South Wales branch held its monthly meeting at its rooms, Queensland-chambers, Bridge-street, when the president, Mr. G. H. Knibbs, F.R.A.S., occupied the chair. Mr. James Bell read a report on his solar work during the past year, and exhibited some fine drawings of sunspots, a large group of which is just now passing out of sight. An ordinary telescope, with a piece of dark-coloured glass over the eyepiece, will reveal the spots with safety. An interesting report of a large fireball of January 26 last was communicated by Mr. W. F. Gale, F.R.A.S., and reports of smaller meteors were contributed by Mr. Evan Rees. In an address on "The Spectroscope in Astronomy" Mr. Hugh Wright, with the aid of a number of lantern views, explained the form and mechanism of the leading types of instruments, the method of determining the composition of the spectrum, the significance of the bright and dark lines of the spectra, and the results of the most recent investigations on the sun, the planets, meteors, comets, and nebulæ.

The latest attraction in Hunter-street is a Boot Emporium on the lines of the best London shops. Those acquainted with the leading West End shops will not fail to see how near Messrs. Muir Brothers' business place in Hunter-street approaches them. Indeed the idea carried out by Messrs. Muir Brothers was to provide the residents of Sydney with an establishment where nothing but goods of the highest order would be stocked. The variety in Boots and Shoes is a revelation to the stay-at-home Sydneyite. Hitherto black and tan have been the prevailing colours. Here we see, however, not only ladies' footwear, but that of gentlemen, in a variety of shades of green, blue, bronze, &c. Artistic productions every one of them. These pretty conceits are all the rage among the jeunesse dorée at home, and Messrs. Muir Brothers, in their commendable desire to be up to date are the first to introduce the Sydney public to the line. The internal fitting of the shop is sumptuous. Both the ladies and gentlemen's departments have been richly carpeted, and a lavish display of natty footstools upholstered in silk is an evidence that the comfort and convenience of their clients have been carefully studied. Above all, however, is the fact that every article in the shop is equal in make to the goods sold in the best shops at home, and what is equally important is that these goods are quite as moderate in price as the English shops retail them at. Messrs. Muir Brothers' display will no doubt prove a considerable attraction to our society, ladies who like not only to see but to have the latest novelties.—Advt.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

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CUSTOM-HOUSE.—Entered outward: March 16, Ville de la Ciotat, F.M.S., 6461 tons, Captain A. Fiaschi, for Marseilles, via ports.

The steamer Gulf of Martaban yesterday left for Newcastle, where she loads coal for Manilla.

The four steamers for the American line, which the William Cramp Company, of Philadelphia, are preparing to build, are to be about 7000 tons gross each, and are to have twin screws.

It is stated that the directors of the Hamburg-American line have invited tenders from the large German shipbuilding companies for the construction of a steamer not only larger than the Pennsylvania and the unfinished Pretoria, but also of superior dimensions to the North German Lloyd Company's boat Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. The Compagnie Generale Transatlantique has ordered two new boats to be built at the St. Nazaire yard, in time for the Paris Exhibition year (1900). They are to be 500ft. in length, are to develop a speed of 22 knots at the trials, and will be named La Lorraine and La Russie.

The barque Abiel Abbot, from New York, yesterday arrived at Auckland.

THE MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. China, hence February 23, arrived at Colombo on Tuesday morning, 15th instant.

The German liner Konigin Luise, hence January 29, arrived at Southampton on Monday evening, the 14th instant, homeward, seven days in advance of contract time.

The French mail steamer Polynesien, from Marseilles 27th ultimo, left Colombo on the 15th instant at 7 a.m., and is expected to arrive at Albany on or about the 26th instant, about 6 p.m.

THE PORT CHALMERS.

The steamer Port Chalmers is to sail to-day for London, via Melbourne. She has the following cargo:—From Sydney: 4198 bales wool, 10,265 carcases mutton, 13 logs timber, 24 cases pearlshell, 6 packages rubber. From Newcastle: 13,800 bars bullion, 1547 bags zinc refuse, 19,399 carcases 8.6 haunches mutton, 639 carcases lamb, 219 boxes kidneys, 2 boxes butter, 14 boxes oxtails.

THE PORT LINE.

The Port Eliot sailed from London on the 15th instant for Adelaide, Melbourne, and Sydney.

The Port Stephens left London on the 12th instant for Fremantle and Albany.

The Port Melbourne arrived at London on the 14th instant from the colonies.

THE GULF OF BOTHNIA.

The Gulf of Bothnia is to sail to-day for London. She has the following cargo:—1100 bales wool, 9,000 carcases mutton, 2373 bars lead, 2048 bags ore. The Gulf of Bothnia calls at Hobart, where she is to load 7500 cases fruit.

ACCIDENT TO A COASTING STEAMER.

A wire from Seal Rocks last night gave the steamer Macleay passing there having in tow the steamer Coraki, bound to Sydney, at 6.45 p.m. The Coraki left the Manning River at 2 p.m.

REMOVALS AND DOCKINGS.

The ship Birma was yesterday towed to a discharging berth at Dalgety's new wharf.

The R.M.S. Warrimoo was yesterday taken to Mort's Dock.

The steamer Darius is to go to Mort's Dock to-day.

The ship Westland has completed loading for London, and is to be towed to an anchorage below Garden Island.

The steamers Bucephalus and Willyama were yesterday floated out of Mort's Dock.

The steamer Tagliaferro is on Mort's Slip to have a new shaft.

CHARTERS.

The following were yesterday advised by mail:—

Bass Rock, Newcastle to West Coast.
Ben Cruachan, Newcastle to West Coast.
Hiddekel, Newcastle to San Francisco.
Lismore, Newcastle to San Francisco.
Clydebank, Newcastle to Panama.
Clackmannanshire, Newcastle to Portland.
Magdala, Fremantle or Albany to United Kingdom or Continent.

SAILING VESSELS NOW DUE AT SYDNEY.

Caithness-shire, barque (NLGK), from Fredrikstadt—87 days.
Geertruda Gerada, barque (NSRD), from New York—86 days.
Hollinwood, four-masted barque (LGVB), from New York—120 days.
Lismore, ship (KCJQ), from Glasgow—97 days.
Parkdale, barque (MHLN), from Townsville—33 days.
Scottish Moors, ship, (LNGB), from Hamburg—92 days.
Vasco da Gama, ship (HJQS), from Liverpool—94 days.
Wiscombe Park, ship (MLBP), from Sharpness—96 days.
John A. Briggs, ship (JTBW), from Chemainus—46 days.
May Howard, schooner, from Auckland—13 days.
Ocean Rover, schooner (RLDF), from Kaipara—10 days.
Rokeby Hall, ship, (WPTK), from Fredrikstadt—92 days.
Sir John Franklin, schooner (RLHS), from Napier, 15 days.

THE CANADIAN-AUSTRALIAN LINE.

A winding-up order having been made against this company on January 22 last upon the petition of the New Zealand Shipping Company, Limited, the statutory meetings of creditors and contributories was held on February 4 at the Board of Trade offices, London. It appears that the company was incorporated in March, 1897, with the object of acquiring and developing a line of steamers running between Canada and Australia, and carrying the royal mails. The company received subsidies from the Australian, Canadian, the New Zealand, and other Governments. The issued capital of the company amounts to £120,000, divided into 24,000 shares of £5 each. Proofs were tendered by the New Zealand Shipping Company, Limited, for £15,276, and by Messrs. James Huddart and Co. for £49,475. The senior official receiver stated that he had been in communication with the various persons interested in the liquidation, and he understood it was their desire that the meeting should be adjourned in order that they might have an opportunity of conferring with reference to the prospects of the company. The claims of fully-secured creditors represented £21,000, and the securities held by them were valued at £31,000, thus showing a margin of £10,000. The creditors partly secured were put down at £101,000, and the value of their securities was £61,000, this figure representing the value of the steamships belonging to the company. According to these figures the total liabilities expected to rank amounted to £68,000, while the free assets were estimated at £10,000. All parties consenting, the meetings were adjourned until the 22nd ultimo.

SAN FRANCISCO SHIPPING.

From San Francisco, January 22, via London, it is reported:—The Lord Shaftesbury, from Sydney, has been fixed for grain-loading at Tacoma, and will get her orders to proceed directly there. Everything is Klondyke, and all the available vessels on the coast have been taken up to meet the expected rush to the Northern goldfields. Every steamer leaving here for Puget Sound is now taking passengers who intend to get there early and avoid the crush. The engaged tonnage in port amounts to 35,631 tons; same time last year 25,930 tons. The disengaged tonnage in port amounts to 19,711 tons; same time last year 106,826 tons.

FIRE RISKS AT SEA ON COAL CARGOES.

A case of considerable importance has just been decided at home in connection with risks on coal cargoes. The Knight of St. Michael took on board at Newcastle, N.S.W., a coal cargo for Valparaiso, and the owners insured the full amount of freight, which was £2500. On the voyage the cargo heated and the ship put into Sydney, where the captain found it advisable to dispose of about half of it. The other half was taken on to Valparaiso and discharged there, freight, of course, being paid only on the quantity delivered. Having thus lost half their freight the owners applied to their underwriters to make good the loss. The underwriters declined to pay, on the ground that they had insured against "perils of the seas, fire, jettison, and all other perils, losses, and misfortunes that shall come to the hurt, detriment, or damage of the subject matter of the insurance," and that heating, being short of "fire," they were not liable. Mr. Justice Barnes decided that "heating" did not amount to "fire," and it was laid down that this was not a loss by "fire." But his Lordship, after pointing out that heating led to fire, and that in the present case fire would in all probability have broken out had the captain not acted as he did, scrutinised the policy in order to see whether this latent danger had not been contemplated and provided against. He found that while "fire" was specified, "all other perils" were insured against, and he did not hesitate to give it as his opinion that heating came under the head of "all other perils," &c.

SHIPPING SALES.

Advices by mail are to London date March 11:—

The steel four-masted barque Snaigow, 2384 tons gross, built by Messrs. Russell and Co. in 1890, has been sold to Messrs. Tidemann and Co., Bremen, for £13,100.

The iron ship Argonaut, 1563 tons gross, built at Glasgow in 1870, and owned by Messrs. A. and J. H. Carmichael and Co., is reported sold to Italians for over £5000.

The steamer Bruce was yesterday reported to have changed hands to the P. and O. Company, for service as tender in Western Australia. The Bruce is a new steamer, Sydney built, and possessing good speed and very nice accommodation.

NATIONAL INSURANCE MARINE IN WAR TIME.

In giving evidence before a committee in National Wheat stores last month at Liverpool, Colonel Hozier ridiculed the idea of national insurance in war time. "It seems to me," Colonel Hozier said, "that if the Government did initiate a system of national insurance it would practically deal in honour politics, and the mercantile community would have to trust in the honour of the Government to secure any claims. Is it likely that the mercantile community would accept this security and conduct enormous operations on the faith of it?" Mr. Douglas Owen, of the Alliance Marine Company, in "National Insurance" states that in war time it would prove unsatisfactory. He says:—"To take a single illustration, a merchant or shipowner requires to feel not merely that he is insured, but that in event of a loss or claim he will be at once placed in possession of his money. Delay may have the most serious consequences for him. He and his underwriters know and trust one another, and it is the underwriters' constant care to maintain the high reputation on which their business connection depends, by paying their losses with the utmost promptitude—as the phrase has it, on the nail. Their long experience has taught them to tell almost at a glance at the documents whether the claim is in order, and they know at once for what further documents to ask, the nature of any independent evidence required, and where and how to obtain it. In the inexperienced hands of State officials, trained to bureaucratic rather than to business methods, with nothing to gain by prompt settlement and a not unnatural fear of making a premature or exaggerated payment, the merchant's position might be far less satisfactory. The fear or knowledge of this would, in my opinion, be very apt to divert merchants from shipping by British vessels, though free of cost for war insurance, so long as a neutral vessel offered. In neither case would they have to pay a war premium, while in selecting the neutral vessel they would, at any rate, run no risk of having their goods captured and themselves left to prove their claim in routine form to the satisfaction of exacting Government officials, however well disposed towards them these might be."

FRIGHTFUL DEATH AT SEA.

The Darius, which yesterday arrived from Singapore, brings the following account of a shocking incident at sea. It happened from the steamer Borneo on that vessel's way to the East. A soldier belonging to a draft for the Royal Lancaster Regiment at Hongkong, who had been ill with fever some days before, but had apparently recovered, jumped overboard one day when the ship was not far from the island of Minicoy. The alarm was at once given, lifebuoys were thrown over, a boat lowered, and the vessel brought round. The first officer, who had gone aloft to keep the man in sight, observed that at first the unfortunate fellow, who had apparently no difficulty in keeping afloat, took no notice of the lifebuoys which were then in his immediate proximity. He appeared, however, to have been convinced by the plunge overboard that life was worth living after all, and presently swam towards a lifebuoy, going strong and easily in the water. Just at that moment, however, the chief officer descried three sharks converging on the poor wretch. They promptly attacked him, and before the boat could reach him every trace of him had disappeared, he doubtless having been dragged under and torn to pieces. The boat picked up the lifebuoys and returned to the Borneo, which then resumed her course.

COLLISION BETWEEN JAPANESE WARSHIPS.

The Chingtu brings news of a serious collision between Japanese warships. It appears that the cruiser Akitsushima, having completed her repairs, was leaving for Shinagawa recently, when she came into collision with the corvette Musashi, which was lying near by. The force of the impact smashed the bowsprit of the Musashi, and did other serious damage, but it seems that the Akitsushima suffered still more severely. Besides damage being carried away a hole was made in her side, and it was feared for a while that she would sink. The crew promptly had the rent covered with tarpaulins, and the vessel was taken up to dock.

Civilisation tends to increase the size of men and women, and also to increase the difference of size between men and women.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Wednesday Evening.

Business in the Stock and Share market to-day was quiet, and prices were without material change. A sale of New South Wales Funded Stock, 4 per cent., was effected at the previous quotation. City Bank, new, were sold at 65s, and for old 69s, an advance of 1s, was offered. Other bank shares remained as before. Australian Joint Stock Bank A deposits again brought 14s 3d. A further sale of Newcastle and Hunter River Steam was made at 17s; other steam being unaltered. Insurance were steady. In Gaslight a sale of 132 Australian was made at auction at £17 2s; business afterwards being done on 'Change at £17 5s 6d—which is the highest price yet given for them. Other gaslight and breweries remained as last quoted. Melbourne Trams were rather weaker, being offered at 12s 3d, Australian Newspaper had a buyer at an advance of 3d. For Intercolonial Building 11s was offered.

On the Sydney Stock Exchange the following sales were reported:—Early sale: City Bank of Sydney, new, 65s. At 1 o'clock: Australian Gaslight, £17 5s 6d; Newcastle Steam, 17s. At 4 o'clock: New South Wales Funded Stock (Act of 1892), 110; A.J.S. Bank B deposits, 14s 3d; Tooth's Brewery, 25s. The closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Share paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Prices. Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.
	£	£	£	P.C.			
N.S.W. Funded Stock Act, 1892	2,425,830	...	...	4	110	109½	110½
Ditto Act, 1873	530,180	...	...	4	125	...	...
Ditto, due 1924	...	...	...	3½			...
Ditto, due 1925	...	...	...	3	100	99	...
Ditto Deb., 1902	309,300	...	...	5	107	105½	...
Ditto Deb., 1901	...	...	...	...	107½	...	...
Ditto Deb., 1903	...	...	...	...	108½	...	...
N.Z. Deb., 1919	300,000	...	...	4	106	105	...
Q'land Deb., 1915	...	...	...	4	108	107	...
Colonial Sugar—Deb., 1914	...	...	...	5	112	110	...
BANKS.							
Australian J. S.	1,167,207	10	7½	...	6	...	6/
City	240,000	10	8	4	70	69/	...
New Issue	160,000	10	8	4	65/	64	...
Com. of Aus. pref	2,117,070	10	10	2	76	...	...
Com. of Syd.	1,000,000	25	12½	8	22¼	22¼	22¾
N. S. Wales	1,950,000	20	20	9	34½	34¼	34¾
N. Queensland	412,500	9	6½	2½	...	...	58/
Union	1,500,000	75	25	5	26¾	...	27
DEPOSITS.							
A.J.S. Bank. Class A	...	...	...	3	14/3	14/	14/3
Class B	...	...	...	3	11/6	11/4½	11/7½
Ditto, Inscribed	391,147	...	...	3½	10/6	10/6	...
Com. of Aus. A series, 1895	...	...	...	3	18/	17/3	...
Ditto assets	...	...	...	3	16/	15/6	...
E.S. & A. series	...	...	...	4	15/	15/	...
Ditto Termi'ble	500,000	...	...	4	18/6	18/6	...
Ditto Debentrs.	669,575	...	...	4	17/3	16/9	...
Lan., pref.	943,997	...	...	3	...	14/6	...
Ditto, def.	940,921	...	...	3	...	13/	...
Nat. of Aust.	...	...	...	4½	13/7½	...	...
Queensland Nat. Dep.	...	...	...	...	...	9/	...
STEAM.							
Illawarra	58,000	5	5½	8	6	5½	6½
H. and H. R.	100,000	1	1	5	17/	16/9	17/
North Coast	121,742	1	17/6	8	18/6	18/	18/9
N. S. Ferry	60,088	1	1	15	50/	50/	51/6
Port Jackson	25,000	50/	25	...	29/6	28/	...
Ditto Co-op'tive Deb. Shares	...	...	1	...	17/	...	...
INSURANCE.							
A.M. Fire	25,000	1	5/	22½	25/6	25/	25/
Mer. Mut.	20,250	1	3/6	15	10/	9/9	10/
New Zealand	200,000	10	2	11½	...	...	70/
United	62,500	10	2½	12½	84/	83/	84/
Ditto, New	5,725	10	12/6	12½	...	19/	21/
GAS.							
Albury	7,500	1	12/6	10	...	14/	17/
Australian	681,798	6	6	9	17.5.6	17¼	17½
City Goulburn	10,000	1	1	15	40/	38/	...
Grafton	8,000	1	1	8	25/	25/	...
Manly	10,000	1	1	7	24/	24/	...
Ditto, New	5,000	1	10/	7	...	12/6	14/
Mudgee	8,000	1	1	6	18/9	...	18/
Newcastle	25,128	2	2	12½	5½	5½	5¾
North Shore	80,000	1	1	6	25/9	26/6	27/
Ditto, New	10,000	1	10	6	13/9	13/9	15/
BREWERIES.							
Albury	21,000	1	10/	5	...	6/	8/
Ditto	4,000	1	1	5	...	...	...
Australian	96,000	1	1	...	10/	...	9/
Castlemaine and Wood Bros.	250,000	1	1	5	16/	16/	16/3
Marshall's	29,701	10	5/	6	3/2	3/1	3/3
Perkins's	58,288	15	15	10	...	24/6	...
Tooth's	900,000	1	1	7	25/	24/9	25/
MISCEL'ANEOUS.							
Aarons'	17,500	15	10	5	2/9	...	...
Australian Newspaper	40,000	1	1	8	24/6	27/3	28/
A.H.W. Supply	186,500	1	1	10	19/11	...	...
Burns, Philp	250,000	1	1	8	25/	25/	...
Ditto	17,500	1	5/	8	...	5/3	6/
Col. Sugar	1,702,000	20	20	10	28¾	28¼	28¾
Dalgety Co.	1,000,000	20	5	8	5	...	5¾
Emu Bay R'lway	100,000	1	1	...	...	...	...
Ditto	150,000	1	10/	...	...	5/	...
Emu Gravel	31,000	1	1	2½	...	5/	...
Fresh F'd & Ice	157,418	1	18/	8	19/6	...	...
Harrison, Jones, and Devlin	55,800	1	1	8	...	...	...
Ditto	50,000	1	10/	8	11/	...	...
Melbourne T'ms	480,000	1	10/	5	12/3	11/6	12/3
Mont de Piete	73,467	1	1	10	35/3	35/	37/
Perm. Trustee	25,000	5	2/6	5	2/2	2/	2/3
Perp. Trust.	20,000	10	5/	6	7/3	7/	7/6
Mort's Dock	150,000	1	1	...	...	...	...
Richardson and Wrench	60,000	1	1	8	7/6	7/3	7/9
Shale and Oil	75,000	1	15/	...	8/	2/9	3/2
Silv. Tram	197,800	1	1	40	90/6	90/6	91/6
Syd. Exch.	30,000	10	10	7	14¾	14	...
Syd. Hydraulic	75,000	1	10	10	24/3	23/6	25/6
LAND & BUILD. Haymark't Dep.	...	...	13	...	...	...	...
Indust. Prov.	80,000	20	20	6	...	19	21
Intercolonial	33,630	1	15	10	12/6	11/	13/
Syd. Free L., B., and Inv.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Excelsior Dep.	...	...	...	...	7/1	...	...
Federal B. Dep.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Syd. & Sub. Dep.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
N'castle B. & I.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

The New York Life Insurance Company's report for 1897, of which the principal features appear in our special advertisement columns, again shows marked progress. The year, it is said, has been one of the most prosperous in the history of the company, in its Australasian department as well as in its world-wide business. A few figures show the growth in the year as follows:—

	1896.	1897.
Assets	£38,053,664	£41,575,152
Surplus	5,490,123	6,866,673
Income	9,002,177	8,629,400
Payments to policyholders	3,993,214	3,968,715
Insurance in force	170,120,882	180,456,980

This large sum of £180,456,980 is represented by 332,958 policies. The reserve, sufficient to meet the present liability, according to the certificate of New York Insurance Department, is £33,941,589, which is exclusive of the amount of £6,866,673, the sum of the surplus. This surplus is from the valuation of the policies at 4 per cent., but as valued with money accumulating at 3 per cent. only, to which the company has raised the valuation, the surplus is £3,332,495. The expenditure other than payments to policyholders was £1,728,702, and has not increased in the same proportion as the income. The year's income exceeded the expenditure by £2,876,983. The report, which contains ample information, is issued by Mr. T. P. Purves, the general manager in Australasia, from the chief office in Pitt-street.

The second series of London wool sales for the year have opened with irregular price movements. On the whole these are satisfactory to New South Wales, however, since they show an advance quoted up to 5 per cent. for merino wool, of which the bulk of its clip consists. Crossbreds are lower, contrary to the anticipations of the local woolmen. That there is a good attendance of home and foreign buyers is a satisfactory feature, indicating that there is a strong market, which also appears from the higher range of prices now quoted for Bradford tops. Another favourable feature in the situation is the smaller supply available. It compares with the figures at the second series of sales in 1897 as follows:—

	1897. Bales.	1898. Bales.
Held over from last series	45,000	20,000
New arrivals	408,000	352,000
	443,000	372,000
Forwarded direct	90,000	149,000
Available	359,000	223,000

It will thus be seen that only 223,000 bales are available for buyers, a reduction of 136,000 bales as compared with what was to be offered last year. And if 9000 bales more went direct to the trade, as the result of larger buying in the colonies, the deficiency in the supply is still 127,000. With less than two-thirds of the quantity of wool available than last year, and smaller supplies to come forward from the colonies for the remainder of the season, there are favourable conditions for the maintenance of present prices, if not for a further advance. The market prices in London may be approximately gauged by comparison with the average prices current at the close of the last series of London sales given by Messrs. Jacomb, Son, and Co. as follows:—

Merino.	Superior.	Medium and Good.	Inferior and Faulty.
N.S. Wales—			
Washed fleece	...	...	...
Scoured	1/6 to 1/9	0/10½ to 1/5½	0/7 to 0/10
Greasy fleece	0/10½ to 1/0	0/5½ to 0/10	0/4 to 0/5
Queensland—			
Washed fleece	...	...	...
Scoured	1/3½ to 1/6½	0/11½ to 1/3	0/8 to 0/11
Greasy fleece	0/9½ to 0/11½	0/7½ to 0/9	0/4½ to 0/7
Merino Lambs—			
Washed	...	...	...
Greasy	0/10 to 1/0½	0/7 to 0/9	0/4 to 0/6½
	Good Medium, with Colour.	Inferior.	Low, Mixed, and Badly Classed.
Coarse and Crossbred Wools—			
Scoured	1/2 to 1/4	0/9 to 1/1½	0/6 to 0/8½
Washed fleece	...	...	0/6½ to 0/9
Greasy fleece	0/8½ to 0/9½	0/6½ to 0/8	0/5½ to 0/6

Exceptional parcels of New South Wales scoured were quoted to 2s, and exceptional parcels of Queensland greasy fleece from 1s to 1s 5½d. Exceptional parcels of washed merino lambs from 2s 5½d to 2s 10d, and of greasy 1s 1d to 1s 5½d. Best parcels of finer sorts of crossbred greasy were quoted at 10d to 12½d.

It appears that gold to the value of £3,061,112 was imported into the United Kingdom in January, of which £2,027,729 was from British possessions in South Africa, £332,631 from Australasia, £303,386 from France, and £139,760 from British East Indies. Of course a good deal of the Australian gold yield passed to the United States on British account. While receiving so much gold the United Kingdom parted with still more, the export being £3,488,609, or £427,000 in excess of the import, Germany taking no less than £1,818,550, Mexico, Central and South America, and West Indies £547,000, Brazil £441,000, and British East Indies £350,000, the export to the latter exceeding the import therefrom by £211,000.

The value of the imports into Sydney for the week ended March 12 amounted to £302,527, as compared with £481,401 in the corresponding week of 1897. The value of the week's exports amounted to £208,889, against £216,941 in the like period of 1897. Since the beginning of the year the trade has been as follows:—

	1897.	1898.	Increase or Decrease.
IMPORTS.			
Merchandise	£3,341,268	£2,883,060	Dec. £458,208
Gold	333,290	553,784	Inc. 220,494
Total	£3,674,558	£3,436,844	Dec. £237,714
EXPORTS.			
Merchandise	£2,874,611	£2,623,401	Dec. £251,210
Gold	542,404	859,176	Inc. 316,772
Total	£3,417,015	£3,482,577	Inc. £65,562

The value of the imports and exports of merchandise falls short of the figures of last year; but the gold movements were considerably heavier. Much more gold was imported, and still more was exported. The exports of gold exceeded the imports by about £300,000. The exports of wool aggregated £1,654,416, as compared with £1,788,135 to the corresponding period of 1897.

As will be seen by our financial cables, Australian bank shares have given way slightly on the London Stock Exchange.

IMPORT MARKET.

Although Tuesday is now mail-day, and not Monday as formerly, yet it is on the earlier day that the bulk of the European correspondence seems still to fall. So Tuesday suffers less than Monday used to do from this distracting influence. To-day a fair amount of business transpired. Breadstuffs were quiet, as already noted, but in tea there was a continuance of that buoyant tone with which the week opened. Sugar simply remained firm, and to-day's mail from Mauritius advises the loading of the Ione for Sydney with 750 tons of sugar from that quarter. Liquors, groceries, brewers' goods, dried fruits, &c., were slowly distributed, without movement of note in prices. A large line of wire nails moved off for extended delivery on private terms. Kerosene remained firm on spot without change, prices, however, being lower to arrive.

Breadstuffs.—Prime wheat was firm at 4s, second qualities going at from 3s 8d upwards. Flour continued quiet at £10 to £10 10s, according to brand. There were inquiries for Californian flour for mixing purposes. The deep-sea shipments of New South Wales wheat from Sydney and Newcastle and via Melbourne to date this season have been as follows:—

	Bags.
From Sydney	28,358
From Melbourne	26,883
From Newcastle	1,611
	56,852

Shipments of Victorian wheat and flour have been comparatively light, as follows:—

	Wheat. Bags.	Flour. Bags.
Victorian	1,054	7,496

A Melbourne contemporary writes on the question of the export of wheat that if the growers are in earnest, the matter of shipment cannot be allowed to sleep, more particularly as the later shipments are made the less prospect there is of obtaining a good market for their grain in Europe.

New Zealand advices state that "now that threshing is general in the north and actual yields ascertained, the result is that crops have turned out disastrously—some, in fact, not giving 3 bushels to the acre, while a general average in some places is 5 bushels. Millers have, therefore, been busy picking up everything they could lay their hands on at an advance of 3d a bushel on their limits of 10 days ago. As much as 4s 3d net cash, sacks 4½d, equal to 4s 8½d (Dunedin), with terms, has been paid at sidings in the north, while many farmers are firm, and holding for 4s 6d. Old wheat has changed hands at 2d a bushel more."

Sugar.—The local market rules firm at recent market rates. Stocks of China are very light, £19 10s being asked. It is not thought that at present prices much will be shipped from Hongkong to this market, seeing that prices in Melbourne are more favourable. We learn from Mauritius that the Ione was loading on January 29 with 750 tons of sugar for Sydney at a freight of 10s. Messrs. Ireland, Fraser, and Co. state that stocks in first hands in Mauritius are small, and, as holders have so far refused to make any concession, shippers have shown no disposition to operate.

Tea.—Ceylons moved off very freely at firm rates. For Indians ex Darius importers are refusing covering rates in the expectation of a further improvement in the market. Sales included: 100 half-chests of Ceylon broken orange pekoe, 8½d, for export, 30 chests Ceylon pekoe souchong, 5½d; 15 chests Ceylon broken orange pekoe, 1s; and 20 heavy-weight Panyongs, 5½d.

To-morrow (Thursday), at noon, Messrs. H. W. Carey and Co. will offer, at the Exchange Saleroom, 434 packages of Ceylon teas, 840 Panyong congous, and 100 Kooloos, on account of Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., Gollin and Co., and other importers.

Odds and ends of invoices only were offered at the Calcutta sale on February 18, which was the last auction of the season 1897-98. Bidding was brisker, prices being steady.

Groceries.—Colman's packet starch was very scarce, £26 being asked on spot.

Liquors.—None of the standard lines experienced any alteration in price. Hennessy's brandy remained very firm. Walker's, Williams's, Usher's, Dewar's, and Robertson's whiskies met with a steady trade demand. V.D. claret, Krug champagne, L'Afaurie liqueurs, and La Grande Chartreuse changed hands at agents' prices.

Hardware.—A parcel of 1400 cases of wire nails, assorted sizes, was taken for extended delivery on private terms. J.C.M. iron moved off in 12-case lines at £14 15s. Ten tons of sheet lead were placed at £16 less usual allowance. Tinplates were offered at reduced prices on spot and to arrive. Fencing wire sold at £8 5s and £8 10s for Nos. 8 and 10 in trade lots ex store. Barbed wire remained at £10 15s. Sheet copper changed hands freely, especially 1½lb. and 2lb. Nobel's dynamite was unprocurable on spot. Mr. J. Burrel Prior's "Tinplate Circular," just to hand, and dated London, February 10, states:—"Works are fairly occupied but not driven. Masters are making a profit not large but pleasant, and the market is steady. As for the future, the tinplate market seems overshadowed by the price of steel, which many persons qualified to judge think will advance. But, considering the increase in steel production in this country and in America, it seems more probable that the value of steel will not move to any extent, and that we may look forward to a steady market for tinplates for some little time."

Jute Goods.—The local demand was not large, prices being unchanged. The distribution of the Darius's shipment of jute goods was as follows:—

	Sydney. Bales.	Melbourne. Bales.	Adelaide. Bales.	Qld. Ports. Bales.
Cornsacks	50	20	—	—
Woolpacks	672	—	50	30
Branbags	259	813	—	—

Oils.—Kerosene moved off at 7¾d to 8d, some holders getting up to 8½d for distributing parcels for immediate delivery. Twenty cases of castor oil landing ex Darius moved off at 2s 6d. China oil continued at low rates, 2s 2d being shaded.

The customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £4111. The principal items were:—

Spirits, £1988; wine, £54; ale, porter, and beer, £236; tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £1035; dried and candied fruits, £133; candles, £38; confectionery, £14; harbour dues, £11; excise on beer, £344. Total, £4111.

EXPORT MARKET.

London Wool Sales.—The following private cables have been received:—

By Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited.—"Wool sales opened this day with good attendance of Home and foreign buyers, and prices show, as compared with last series, an advance of 5 per cent. for merinos, whilst coarse greasy crossbreds, lustrous, have declined to as much as 5 per cent."

By Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited, from Messrs. Sanderson, Murray, and Co.—"Sales opened with good competition. The market for merino wools shows an advance of about 5 per cent., while crossbreds have declined about 5 per cent. There is a good selection offering."

By John Bridge and Co., Limited.—"Sales have opened with a large attendance of buyers, and prices as compared to closing rates of last series are higher for medium greasies by 5 per cent, and scoureds (all sorts) 7½ per cent."

By the Pastoral Finance Association, Limited.—"At the opening of the second series of sales to-day prices for merino wools were par to 5 per cent. dearer."

By Messrs. Campbell, Nimmo, and Wyly.—"The sales opened with spirit, full attendance of buyers, competition animated. Prices are 5 per cent. higher for merino wools as compared with closing rates of last sales, and par to 5 per cent. lower for crossbred."

By the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited.—"The sales opened at an average advance of 5 per cent. on last series' closing rates for merino, the principal advance being in scoured. Fine crossbred market unchanged; coarse crossbred market easier. The attendance of both home and foreign buyers is good, and competition by both sections is active. The total quantity available, including wool held over from last sales, is 322,000 bales, 160,000 bales of which have been forwarded to the manufacturing districts direct."

By the Union Mortgage and Agency Company of Australia, Limited.—"The wool sales opened here this evening with a full attendance of buyers and keen competition. Prices show a rise of 5 per cent. compared with the previous series for merino wools; but forcrossbreds, lower."

By the Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company, Limited.—"The second series of London wool sales opened with a large attendance of both home and foreign buyers, and the competition is very animated. As compared with closing rates of last series prices are par to 5 per cent. higher for Australian merino, while Australian crossbred are par to 5 per cent. lower. The total available, including old stocks of Australasian and Cape, is 220,000 bales."

By Winchcombe, Carson, and Co.—"The sales opened with a large attendance of both home and foreign buyers. Competition is very animated. Prices are par to 5 per cent. higher for Australian merino, while for crossbred they are scarcely maintained."

By Dalgety and Company, Limited.—"Wool sales opened with a fair selection of wool, large attendance of buyers, and animated competition. For the bulk of medium and inferior merino wools prices are on the average 5 per cent. higher than closing rates of last series, and for good and best qualities par to 2½ per cent. higher. For the bulk of fine crossbreds prices are par to 5 per cent. higher, while for faulty coarse descriptions of crossbred fleece any change in price is in favour of buyers. English and German buyers are the principal operators, American buyers doing nothing so far."

By the Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company, Limited.—"Wool sales opened, large attendance all parts, bidding brisk, demand good. Merino's prices advanced 5 per cent., except for wool suitable United States, which is unchanged. Crossbreds unchanged."

By Messrs. J. C. Young and Co.—"As compared with the closing rates of last series, prices are par to 5 per cent. higher for merino, but for crossbreds prices are scarcely maintained."

Wool Receipts.—At Darling Harbour to-day 166 bales of wool were manifested; 20 arrived coastwise, and 7 bales were received by rail at Newcastle yesterday.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, March 15.

WHEAT AND FLOUR.

The quantity of wheat and flour afloat for the United Kingdom is estimated at 3,280,000 quarters, as against 3,321,000 last week. The quantity afloat for the Continent is estimated at 1,540,000 quarters, as against 1,596,000 quarters last week.

BANK SHARES, &c.

Bank of Australasia, 1 lower at 53*.

Bank of New South Wales, ½ lower at 38.

Union Bank of Australia, 1 lower at 28.

National Bank of New Zealand, ¼ lower at 2.

Bank of New Zealand 4 per cent. guaranteed stock, ¼ lower at 103.

New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, 4 per cent. prior lien debenture stock, ½ lower at 98.

City of Melbourne 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged at 108.

Melbourne Harbour Trust 4 per cent. bonds, ½ higher at 106½.

Melbourne Tramway Trust 4½ per cent. debentures, ½ higher at 113.

Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works 4 per cent. debentures, ½ lower at 109.

* Ex dividend.

LONDON WOOL MARKET.

LONDON, Feb. 11.

Since the close of the first series of sales here the market has been quiet, but characterised with steadiness which augurs well for the next auctions. A few hundred bales will cover the transactions by private treaty. Inquiries are made from time to time, but these seldom result in business.

New arrivals of wool amount to over 145,000 bales, of which about one-third has gone direct to factory. Whilst the general outlook is no worse, there is the disturbing element the ever-present financial failures, some of which are reported from Bradford; and these from a class which are generally credited with being strong—that of manufacturers and spinners. Others are expected, which for some time to come will make trading risky and business men cautious. Trade for a while will doubtless suffer from lack of expansion. But for a long past period business has been most difficult to do to ensure a margin on the right side. Weeding times will come, however unpleasant; but after that drastic operation things move, at least for a time, more smoothly. Reverting to the late auctions, it may be interesting to farmers to note the positions of various descriptions of the fibre. Careful breeding and crossing, coupled with judicious classing, wins the day. It may be safely said that good wools always sell. The exceptions are at rare intervals only. The endeavour should be to get the best results from the land, in whichever district that may be. Experience alone can tell whether merino or crossbred is the best to produce. There are evidently only a few districts where satisfactory superfine wools can be produced. Apart from these districts past years have fully demonstrated the advisability of growing strong wools; not necessarily coarse wools, but bold-fibred, and as long as can be obtained. In districts within easy reach of refrigerating works, if the soil will permit, perhaps crossbreds would give best results taking into account both fleece and carcase. Some are crying out that there is a shortage of merino wools. That may be taken for what it is worth. The question uppermost in the minds of the farmers is what class will pay land return best results from, whether that particular sort is in most demand when the market is reached must be left to circumstances. But, speaking generally, strong wools, or bold-fibred, are most readily merchantable, besides giving most weight to the woolpack. Such produce is taken by all sections of trade, and that generally ensures a good sale.

In manufacturing areas at home trade is not brisk. Transactions are conducted on restricted lines. Spinners can only be induced to operate to the extent of immediate requirements. On the other hand, staplers are very confident of the future, and cannot be moved to take less for their stock. There is more doing in yarns for home account, and in this department more machinery is being brought into operation. Orders, however, are not yet coming to hand in any considerable quantity. Export orders are very scarce, and those which come to hand are very small. Price still plays an important part in these transactions, and continues to be a matter of difficulty between seller and buyer.

In the woollen cloth trades there are some fairly large orders coming forward for the better makes, and all round there is more doing, wholesale houses having more inquiries, and prospects are very satisfactory.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Grain market quotations:—Wheat, 4s 4d to 4s 4½d at Port Adelaide, 4s 4d at outports; flour, £10 15s to £11 per ton; bran, 1s; pollard, 1s 1d; oats, New Zealand 3s 6d to 3s 9d, Victorian white 3s 2d to 3s 4d, Algerian 2s 2d to 2s 4d, Dun 2s to 2s 3d; chaff, £2 15s to £3, short ton parcels £3 5s retail.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

The Dunedin oats market during the week has been firm. Prices advanced halfpenny to a penny. A few lines of the new season's crop are on the market. These for the most part are bright in colour but wanting in weight. Good to best feed, 2s 0½d to 2s 1½d; fair to medium, 1s 11½d to 2s 1½d; discoloured and inferior, 1s 9½d to 1s 10½d; best milling, 2s 1½d to 2s 2½d.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

A firm market continued for all the principal investment stocks, and full rates ruled in the business done. Sales: Victorian Government 4 per cent. debentures, £112 10s; London Bank D.R., 16s; Commercial Bank preference shares, 75s 6d, 76s; Emu Bay Railway, 7s 6d; Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus, 11s 9d; Hydraulic Power, paid, 43s; Sydney Hydraulic, 24s 6d; Shamrock Brewery, 1s 8d; Newcastle Coal, £9 15s.

A large parcel of wheat sold at 4s 1d. A moderate business was done for forward delivery. Flour is quiet at £11 to £11 15s. Bran, 9d to 9½d. Malting barley is firm at 5s to 5s 6d. Cape barley, 2s 3d to 2s 9d. Algerian oats are firm—feed 1s 4d to 1s 7d, milling 1s 8d to 1s 9d. Stout white oats, 1s 10d to 2s; maize, 2s 1d; chaff, 52s 6d to 57s 7d, extra up to £3. Potatoes are weaker, Warrnambool, £7 to £7 10s; Sydney, £7 10s, duty paid. Onions, £5 10s. 450 packages Ceylon tea sold at 6d to 9½d.

PRODUCE INWARDS.

BALLINA, Wednesday.

The steamer Electra sailed at noon to-day with a cargo of 11,222ft. of boxwood, 840 boxes butter, 8 casks tallow, 500 bags maize, 108 pigs, 56 cases eggs, 4000ft. timber, 3 horses, 91 bunches bananas, 7 bags bones, 9 cases honey, and 4 bales sheepskins. The St. George also crossed out with a cargo of 18,000ft. of sawn timber, 600 bags maize, 170 hides, 4 casks tallow, 4 bundles sheepskins, 3 boxes bacon, and 27 cases eggs.

HOBART, Wednesday.

The Oonah sailed for Sydney with the following cargo:—4844 cases 3902 half-cases fruit, 592 bags bark, 54 bales hops, 20 bales skins, 32 pockets hops, 30,000ft. timber, 253 sheep, 130 cases preserves, and sundries.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Peregrine sailed to-day for Sydney with 59 bags barley, 259 bags oats, 74 cases peas, 20 chests tea, 304 bags wheat, 31 packages biscuits, 408 cases fruit, 10 bags flour, 40 bags seed, 318 bags onions, 197 bags chaff, 286 bags chaff.

PALMER'S ISLAND, Wednesday.

The Kallatina left here at 1 o'clock to-day with a cargo of 3233 bags of maize, 2 bags of horns, 6 bags of hair, 3 bags of peas, 2 bags of oysters, 5 bags of pumpkins, 49 bales of wool, 2 bundles of skins, 126 cases of eggs, 20 baskets of fish, 3 tins of honey, 569 cases of butter, 4 casks of tallow, 11 coops of poultry, 10 crates of bacon, 70 hides, 26 pigs, 5 cans of cream, and a quantity of furniture and sundries.

DAIRY NEWS.

ROBERTSON, Wednesday.

During February the Robertson Dairy Company separated 63,460 gallons milk, producing 27,730lb. butter. Suppliers were paid 7¾d per lb. for butter fat, the total cheques being £770. For the same month the Waratah and Pheasant Ground Companies paid suppliers 2¼d per gallon for milk, and the Kangaloon 3d.

PRODUCE MARKETS.—Wednesday.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

Nothing of importance transpired in general produce to-day, business being quiet and prices without much quotable change. The auction sale continued to be the centre of attraction, buyers' requirements being well supplied in most lines. The only change in prices under the hammer was a further advance in potatoes. On the wharfs prime dry new maize was scarce and in demand at firm prices, other qualities being plentiful and rather slow at lower rates. Oats were inclined to be weaker. Bran and pollard had steady sale at quotations. In forage no change occurred, the demand being extremely dull on the wharfs. Circular Head potatoes were in fair request at £6 for primest. Onions sold freely at late rates. In dairy produce a moderate amount of business was done. Prices underwent little or no appreciable change.

FEED-GRAINS MARKET.

Maize.—Prime dry new maize, 2s 10½; other qualities, to 2s 9d; prime old, 3s 1d per bushel.

Oats.—New Zealand best feed, 2s 5d to 2s 6d; other qualities up to 2s 4d; Tartarian seed, 2s 6d to 2s 7d; choice New Zealand, 2s 8d; local feed oats, 2s 1d to 2s 3d per bushel.

Robert Little and Co.—Hay, Chaff, and Produce Auctions at Redfern daily. Highest prices, immediate returns. —Advt.

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BERRY CREAMERY BUTTER.—Sole Agents, South Coast and West Camden Co-op. Co., Ltd.—Advt.

Barley.—Cape barley, prime, 2s 11d to 3s; English prime, nominally 5s 6d per bushel.

Peas.—Blue, prime, 4s 9d; grey, 3s 6d per bushel.

Chickwheat.—Prime, 3s 1d to 3s 3d; other sorts, 2s 10d to 3s per bushel.

BREADSTUFFS.

Leading roller brands, new £10 to £10 10s; wheat, 4s to 4s 1d for prime samples.

FORAGE MARKET.

Hay.—Local oaten in bundles, prime new, £4 15s to £5 5s; extra prime, £5 10s; medium, £3 15s to £4 5s per ton.

Chaff.—Imported: Medium quoted £3 to £3 5s; prime, £3 10s to £3 15s. Local: Prime, £3 10s to £3 15s; extra green, to £4; medium samples, £3 to £3 7s 6d per ton.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed, to £2; imported, £2; local bundled, £1 10s to £1 17s 6d per ton.

Lucerne.—Plentiful. £1 5s to £1 17s 6d; prime, £2 per ton.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Finest creamery, 9d; factory, 8d to 8½d. South Coast quote choice creamery 9d, Berry Creamery 9d, Foley Brothers quote best creamery 9d per lb.

Bacon and Hams.—Mild-cured, 7½d; hand-cured, prime, 7d to 7½d; second-class, 6½d to 7d; farmers', 6d to 6½d; middles, 8½d; Bodalla sides, 7½d; flitches, 7d; middles, 8½d; Barnes's "B in circle," 7½d; M'Lean's bacon, 7½d; local hams, in cloth, 8d to 8½d; very choice, 9d; New Zealand, Queensland, and mild-cured, choice, 9d; English, 10d per lb.

Eggs.—North 10d to 11d; South, 11d to 12d; choice 13d per dozen.

Cheese.—Prime loaf, 5d to 5½d; Cheddar, 5d to 5½d; large, 4½d to 5d; Bodalla, 5½d; New Zealand, large 4½d, medium 5d; loaf, 5½d per lb.

Poultry.—Slow demand. Fowls, 1s 6d to 2s 9d; prime 3s; ducks, 1s 6d to 2s 6d; Muscovy ducks, 2s 6d to 3s 4d; geese, 3s 6d to 4s 6d; turkeys, cocks 8s to 12s, hens 5s to 5s 6d per pair.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Bran and pollard were in request at quotations. Bran was quoted at 7½d, and pollard 8½d per bushel.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—Plentiful. Tasmanian Circulars, £6. Local: Prime, £5 10s to £6; medium, £5 to £5 5s per ton.

THE WOOD MARKET.

Fair supply. Fair demand. Firewood, good 10s 6d to 11s 6d; rough, 7s 6d to 9s; bundles, good, 10s to 11s 6d; inferior, 8s to 9s; Billet, good, 8s to 10s; inferior, 5s 6d to 7s; bakers' split, good, 8s to 10s; large green, 7s 6d to 8s 6d per ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Honey.—Plentiful. Garden honey, 2d to 2½d, per lb.

Beeswax.—Choice, 1s per lb.

Onions.—Prime Portarlington, £6 per ton.

Lard.—Finely rendered, in bladders, 4½d to 5d; bulk, 3½d to 4d per lb.

REDFERN SALE.

At the Redfern Railway Terminus Produce Markets this morning a good supply of produce was submitted at auction. All lines were in fair demand except straw, which was almost unsaleable. Prime chaff sold well at 3s 6d to 3s 9d, medium samples being in request at 3s to 3s 4d per cwt. Oaten hay of fair quality realised 3s 6d to 3s 10d per cwt. Oats made 2s 1d and bran 7½d per bushel respectively. Potatoes were in good demand at advanced prices. Primest brought 5s 6d to 6s 3d and medium 5s to 5s 4d per cwt. Pumpkins and watermelons were cleared at prices much the same as those realised yesterday.

Appended are the proportions of the various descriptions actually submitted at to-day's sale:—Chaff, 45 trucks; potatoes, 10; hay, 2; straw, 6; chickwheat, 1; pumpkins, 8; watermelons, 3; lucerne, 1; bran, 2; maize, 1; and rye, 1.

Among the consignees were:—Messrs. G. Wells, Robinson, Grimes, and Co., Inglis and Son, Hough Brothers, S. B. Bond, John Campbell, H. M. Suttor and Co., John W. Gray and Co., Heaton Brothers, Benjamin and Son, Robert Little and Co., South Coast Company, Ellis and Co., John Bridge and Co., H. Prescott and Co., Murphy and Co., R. Hall and Son, Dent and Perry, and A. M'Arthur and Co.

Supplies were disposed of as follows:—

Chaff.—From Hadley, Blayney, (truck No. 7307) 3s 2d; Hawke and Spratt, Spring Hill, (4236) 3s 9d, (1819) 3s; Jackson, Geurie, (464 and 2746) 3s 6d; Geong, (4153) passed; Cummings, Dubbo, (7724) 3s 4d; Pratley, (10691) 3s, (4232) 3s 9d; Schumach, (5208) passed, (2384) 3s 8d; Wilkie, (5173) 3s 5d, (60) 3s 4d; Dobbin, Bathurst, (3327) 3s; Scotlowe, Geurie, (2839) 3s 6d; Waring, (551) 3s 9d; O'Sullivan, Penrith, (5263) 3s 7d, (3637) passed; Mathews Brothers, Boree, (2724 and 2790) passed; Mack and Austin, Narromine, (6153) 3s 7d; W. M'Nickle, Harefield, (3365) passed, (x196) 3s 9d; Hickey, Galong, (2213, 7127, and 2502) 3s; Croak, (2678) 3s 1d; Deighton, Gundagai, (2635) 1s 11d; Black and Sons, Molong, (1288) 3s; Pratley, Newbridge, (457) 3s 2d; Campbell, Borenore, (2949) passed; Cantrill, (4589 and 3281) 3s; C. Brunskill, Wagga, (7060) 3s 6d, (9946) 3s 4d; Naphtali, (10677) 3s 4d; G. Brunskill, (10657) 3s 4d; Faulks, Wallendbeen, (6086) 3s 3d, (10685 and 1717) 3s 6d, (8427) 3s 4d, (x156) passed; Pratley, George's Plains, (8028) 2s 11d per cwt.

Hay.—From M'Leod, Camden, (5431) 3s 10d; Graham, Penrith, (2832) 3s 6d per cwt.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed: From Browslow, Murrumbidgerie, (7061) passed; Ison, Dubbo, (3396 and 10057) passed; Drew, Mudgee, (90) 2s 10d; M'Grath, Galong, (3008 and 943) passed.

Lucerne.—From Thompson Brothers, Brewongle, (305c) passed.

Chickwheat.—From Brown and Pearson, Dubbo, (4350) 3s 1d per bushel.

Oats.—From Goodwin, Glencoe, (2090) 2s 1d per bushel.

Bran.—From Chicken, Corowa, (5074) 7½d; Byrnes, Moree, (5643) 7½d per bushel.

Rye.—From Pratley, Newbridge, (269) part 3s 6½d per bushel.

Pumpkins.—From J. Shields, Richmond, (2922) 1s 4d; South, (5741) 2s; E. Pearce, 1s 4d; G. Beecroft, (x352) 1s 10d; Jackson, (4803) part 1s 11d; Byrnes, (x329) 1s 3d; Farlow, Richmond, (9226) 1s 11d; E. Pearce, 1s 1d; E. J. Pearce, (1953) 2s 2d and 1s 6d; Howell, Penrith, (570) 1s 4d; Vine, 2s; Stewart, (9249) 11d; Hadley, 1s per dozen.

Maize.—Ex Darling Harbour, (4589) passed.

Potatoes.—From Ford, Bowral, (1451) 6s 3d; Cole, Molong, (5786) 5s 3d; M'Alister, Uralla, (x116) 5s 3d and 5s; W. Menzies, Black Mountain, (3176) 5s 4d; A. Menzies, (1622) 5s 3d; Utz, Glen Innes, (4749) 5s; Heney and Duggan, Huntley, (3350) 5s 6d; Hawke and Spratt, Orange, (987 and 1259) 5s 4d; Heaton, Spring Hill, (1389) 5s 6d per cwt.

Watermelons.—From Clarke, Kingswood, (5871) 1s 8d; Bradbury, Penrith, (5408) 1s 8d; Tuckfield, 2s 2d; W. Hollier, (x252) 1s 11d; Byrnes, 1s 4d; J. Parker, 1s per dozen.

FRUIT MARKETS.

A moderate amount of business was done in the fruit trade at the various metropolitan markets this morning. Supplies were plentiful for all requirements. Grapes were somewhat slow, and prices in consequence a trifle weaker. Peaches continued in demand at high prices. Passionfruit was scarce and dear. Bananas sold freely at late advanced prices. In citrus fruits little or no change occurred. Pears were in request at quotations.

Current quotations were:—

Lemons.—Local, green prime, 5s to 6s; coloured, 6s; choice, 7s to 8s per gincase; Italian, 9s to 10s per half, 18s to 19s a double case.

Oranges.—Italian, 7s to 9s per single and 14s to 15s per double case. Local, 2s to 4s; choice, 5s to 6s a gincase.

Pines.—Common, 6s to 7s; Queen's, 7s to 7s 6d per case.

Grapes.—Black Hamburgs, 1d to 1½d; choice, 2d to 2½d; muscats, 2½d to 3d; choice, 3½d to 4d; extra choice 5d; White Sherry, 1d to 2d; Black Prince, 1½d to 2½d choice, 3d per lb.

Plums.—Local: Sydney, late, 3s per quarter-case.

Passionfruit.—Local, choice, 8s to 9s half-case.

Pears.—Local dessert, 10s to 12s; cooking pears, 2s to 4s per gincase; Melbourne, Gansell 8s to 10s, Williams 7s to 9s; B.D. Cap, 6s to 7s per case. Hobart: Gansell Bermagots, 5s to 6s per half-case.

Bananas.—Inferior, from 1s; good, 3s to 4s; choice, 5s to 6s per bunch, 10s to 12s per case.

Apples.—Jam sorts, 2s 6d; dessert, small 4s to 4s 6d, good 5s to 7s, prime 8s to 10s; cooking, 3s to 4s; choice, 5s to 6s a gincase; Hobart Alphristones, 5s to 5s 6d, Codlins 5s, Alexanders 5s to 5s 6d per case.

Rockmelons.—2s to 3s a gincase.

Tomatoes.—Plentiful. Choice, 2s 6d; prime, 2s; small, 1s 6d half-case.

Peaches.—Small, 3s to 4s; good, 5s to 7s; choice clingstones, 8s to 10s a gincase; slipstones, 6s to 9s, choice 10s to 12s a gincase.

Quinces.—Plentiful, 2s to 2s 6d; choice, 3s a gincase.

Watermelons.—1s 6d to 3s 6d per dozen.

Persimmons.—2s 6d to 3s; prime, 4s to 5s a half-case.

Pomegranates.—4s to 5s 6d a gincase.

FURSKINS.

The Sydney Wool-selling Brokers' Association (Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company, Limited, John Bridge and Co., Limited, Campbell, Nimmo, and Wyly, Dalgety and Co., Limited, Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited, Hill, Clark, and Co., Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited, New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited, Pastoral Finance Association, Limited, Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., J. C. Young and Co.) report:—

Fur skins.—With an average supply the market showed some improvement in tone, prices for kangaroo and wallaroo being firmer than last week. Bear in active demand. Rabbit steady, but rather scarce. Opossumskins: Though the supply is small, and the quality inferior, rates are equal to those of last winter for similar skins. Quotations: Kangaroo, best grey, 22d to 34½d each; small and inferior, 2d to 21½d; best red, 24d to 36½d; small and inferior, 3d to 23½d; wallaroo, 15d to 23d; seconds, 2d to 14½d; wallaby, scrub, 9d to 16½d; seconds, 3d to 8½d; swamp, 7d to 11½d; seconds, 1d to 6½d; rock, 1d to 2½d; goats, 9s to 15s per dozen; seconds, 1s to 8s 6d; bears, 6s to 9s 9d; seconds, 2s to 5s 6d; hares at 6d; rabbits, 3½d to 5½d per lb.; opossumskins, grey, 4s to 9s 6d per dozen; red, 3s to 6s 3d; rumped, 1s to 4s 6d.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited.—At yesterday's sales catalogues were readily cleared at rates which, in the case of kangaroo, wallaroo, and wallaby, compare favourably with those of last sales, and prices may be quoted very firm at late rates. Bears in strong demand. Rabbits unchanged. Opossumskins: Prices were fully up to last week's rates, and considering the quality of skins forward, values compare favourably with former quotations.

ADELAIDE FAT STOCK MARKET.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Elder, Smith, and Co. report:—Fat cattle: 660 yarded, 190 from the north, 140 from the south-east, and the balance local. There was an ample selection of all classes. The demand was weaker and value slightly easier. Fifty unsold. Prime beef, 18s to 20s. We sold 140 cattle. Sheep: 8900 penned of all qualities; competition brisk, and yards cleared, prices being firmer. Graziers purchased 4000. Prime merino wethers, 11s to 12s; good, 9s to 10s; prime merino ewes, 9s to 10s; good, 8s; prime crossbreds, 12s to 14s; good, 10s; prime lambs, 10s to 11s. We sold 2500 sheep.

MELBOURNE STOCK MARKETS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the live stock market to-day 1190 fat cattle were yarded, comprising 200 from New South Wales, 550 from the north-eastern, Goulburn Valley, and Upper Murray districts, 240 from Gippsland, 50 from the westward, and the remainder from the north-western and northern districts, and from paddocks near town. The supply consisted of middling and useful descriptions, including a large number of cows. A few prime pens sold at improved rates. The market opened with a decidedly upward tendency, but as the day advanced competition became divided, and on the whole no material alteration from last week's rates can be quoted. Prime pens bullocks, £10 to £12 10s; good ditto, £7 10s to £9 5s; middling ditto, £5 15s to £6 15s; inferior and light-weight steers, £4 10s to £5 5s; best pens cows, £6 10s to £7; odd beasts, £8 10s; good ditto, £5 5s to £5 15s; others from £3. 370 fat calves penned, and met with a brisk competition at full prices. Prime steers and heifers, 60s to 75s; prime calves, 50s to 65s; prime small calves, 30s to 45s; others from 15s.

In the metropolitan dead meat market to-day prices ruled as follows:—Beef, prime bodies, 23s to 24s per 100lb.; medium, 20s to 22s; prime forequarters, 17s; medium, 15s to 16s; prime hindquarters, 30s; medium, 26s to 28s. Sheep: Prime wethers, 2½d to 2¾d per lb.; prime ewes, 2¼d; lambs, prime 10s to 11s each, medium 7s to 8s. Veal, prime large vealers 2½d to 2¾d per lb., prime small vealers 2½d to 3d; small calves, 1½d to 2d; pork, prime small porkers 5d per lb.; prime large pigs, from 80lb. to 100lb., 4½d to 4¾d; bacon pigs, 4d.

MELBOURNE FRUIT MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the Queen Victoria market this morning fruits realised the following prices:—Apples, 2s to 8s per case; damsons, 3s to 3s 6d ditto; figs, 2s to 3s per half-case; grapes, 1s to 5s per case; oranges, Jaffa 12s 6d to 14s per double case; lemons, Jaffa 17s to 20s ditto ditto, Sydney 6s to 8s ditto; melons, water, 2s to 4s per dozen, ditto, rock 2s to 5s ditto; peaches, 6s to 10s per case; pears, culinary 2s to 4s ditto, ditto, dessert 4s to 8s ditto; plums, 3s to 3s 6d ditto; quinces, 1s 6d to 2s per case.

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MINING INTELLIGENCE.

Business in the Mining market yesterday was very quiet and shewed a great falling-off in volume as compared with the preceding day. There was no change in prices of coal-mining shares, except that Wickham and Bullock Island had a more buoyant tendency. Girilambone copper sold lower. Amongst silver stocks B. H. Proprietary realised higher rates, closing strong. Very little exchange took place in gold lines, but Mount David improved slightly. No. 6 North Phœnix fetched higher figures, and Great Boulder Proprietary also sold at an advance. At the end of the day there was a better market for Associated Gold Mines, Great Boulder Proprietary, Hannan's Block 45, and Kalgurli Gold Mines.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyer.	Seller.
COAL.		
Hetton	—	30/
Newcastle	9/9	10/0
Stockton	3/10½	4/2
Vale of Clwydd	—	7/
Wallsend	20/5/	20/12/6
Wickham and Bullock Island	10/	10/6
Ditto, new	4/6	5/3
Ditto, pref., £1 paid	22/	—
COPPER.		
Girilambone	10/9	11/
Lake George Nth. Mines	9d	1/2
Lake George Proprietary	—	9d
North Nymagee	2/6	3/
SILVER. New South Wales.		
British Broken Hill, Old	11/	—
Broken Hill Proprietary	43/	44/6
Block 10	62/6	66/6
Block 14	—	24/3
North Broken	—	5/6
North Central	—	4d
Overflow	5/	5/2
Ditto, con.	—	4/2
TASMANIA.		
Clifton	3/	4/
Central Lyell	—	1/9
King Lyell, paid	1/	—
Mt. Black Proprietary, paid	6/3	—
North Mount Lyell, paid	55/	61/
GOLD. New South Wales.		
Baker's Creek	—	8/
Baker's Creek Consols	—	2/
Birthday, pd.	—	11d
Cobar Great Western	—	3/10
Falkner's	5/6	6/3
Mount David, paid	2/3	2/5
Mount Gahan	2d	1/
Mount Drysdale	—	2/6
Peak Hill, paid	—	2/
Star Lead, No. 1	—	2/6
Ditto, con.	—	2/
Sunlight	4/6	5/
Victory Forest Reefs	4/9	6/
West Sunlight	—	2/9
Ditto, con.	—	2/6
VICTORIA.		
Band and Albion	—	3/6
Cent. Plateau	16/	20/
New Birthday	—	3/
QUEENSLAND.		
Brilliant St. George, pd.	—	45/
Mt. Morgan	—	80/
No. 1 North Victory	4/6	5/
Victoria G.M. Association	7/6	7/11
Victory, con.	—	9/9
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.		
Associated	72/	75/
Boulder Central	11/	—
Boulder North Extended	4/	—
Golden Bar	—	1/3
Great Boulder	21/	21/6
Hannan's Block 45	5/4	5/8
Hannan's Eureka	9d	1/3
Hannan's Pride of the Valley, con.	1d	5d
Hannan's Reward N., con.	1/	2/6
Ivanhoe Junction	1/	1/2
Kalgoorlie Proprietary	—	5/3
Kalgurli	4/10/	5/10/
Lake View South, paid	21/	23/
Queensland Menzies, paid	14/	14/10½

The following sales were reported:—Morning—Copper: Girilambone, 12s. Silver: B. H. Proprietary, 43s 6d, 43s 6d. Gold: Mount David, paid up, 2s 4d, 2s 4d. No. 5 North Phœnix, 10s 6d; No. 6 North Phœnix, 3s 4d, 3s 4d (on terms 3s 5d). Noon—Gold: Star of the East, 20s 3d; Victoria United, 3s 4½d; No. 6 North Phœnix, 3s 6d. Afternoon—Copper: Girilambone, 11s, 11s. Gold: Mount David, paid up, 2s 4d; No. 6 North Phœnix, 3s 6d; Great Boulder, 21s.

After the last meeting of the Exchange the following sales were reported:—Copper: North Nymagee, 2s 10½d. Gold: Victory Forest Reefs, 5s 3d; Central Plateau, 17s 6d; New Loch Fyne, £7 18s 6d; No. 6 North Phœnix, 3s 6d, 3s 7d, 3s 8½d, 3s 8d, 3s 8½d; Queensland Menzies, paid-up, 15s, 15s.

An advertisement published in yesterday's "Herald" announces that the management of the General Gordon Gold-mining Company, N.L., Kanowna, W.A., has been removed to Adelaide.

The legal manager of the North Nymagee Copper-mining Company, No Liability, yesterday received the following telegram from the mining manager at Nymagee:—"Through lode, 11ft.; quality improving; no sign of hanging wall."

CHARTERS TOWERS GOLDFIELD.

Messrs. Alan B. Bright and Co., of Charters Towers, in their monthly report, dated March 3, state:—"February, despite the heavy wet, was a satisfactory month, the total returns being 38,447 tons for 30,047oz. The mill returns were 16,591 tons for 18,386oz., the cyanide yield 21,454 tons for 11,247oz., and chlorination 402 tons for 412oz. It must be pointed out that more than half of the sand treated is current production, and the yield per ton of stone is really much greater than the mill returns indicate. The dividends were satisfactory, reaching £23,700, while the calls are set down as £6437 10s. The most important development in February was the striking of 2ft. of 2oz. stone in the underlie at the Lady Florence at about 450ft. vertical, and 750ft. on the underlie. The mine has been working five years, and has been call-paying all that time. There is plenty of stone in the levels and stopes, and occasionally a few tons of ounce stone have been obtained, but, generally speaking, the reef has not been payable. The new make, however, is in settled country, in a kind and large formation, and the stone is altogether different to anything previously met in the mine. All the abandoned numbers on the line have been again taken up; the block was already held. Late in the month, Smith's Extended, at the west end of the Moonstone line, got a nice reef in a crosscut, and the reef in No. 2 west level of the Towers Moonstone Extended Block improved very greatly. Payable stone is now being raised in the four frontage claims, and two block claims are steadily pushing down their shafts."

HANNAN'S PARINGA GOLD MINE.

As numbers of shares in Hannan's Paringa Gold Mine are held in Sydney, the following information, contained in the mine manager's report as published in an English journal, will be of interest:—"100ft. level: Driving south on quartz lode a further distance of 11ft. was covered. The lode is about 2ft. in width, and an average sample assayed gave a return of 13dwt. 11gr. per ton. The lode matter is a silicious schistose pyritic ore. The level is approaching the bottom of No. 1 shaft, and as soon as possible an air connection will be made with this shaft. 200ft. level: Driving south on quartz lode a further distance of 7ft. was covered, making total distance driven south on lode from crosscut 'C' 48ft. 6in. The lode is about 3ft. wide in the face, and an assay of an average sample of the 3ft. gave a return of 17dwt. 13gr. The value of the lode keeps regular. Crosscut 'C': Total length driven from shaft, 79ft. 6in."

VICTORIAN GOLD RETURNS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

According to the returns of the Mines Department the yield of gold in Victoria is steadily increasing. The output for last month was 60,851oz., being an increase of 12,184oz. on the yield obtained in February last year. The quantity won during the last two months amounted to 105,611oz., or 23,268oz. more than recorded in January and February, 1897.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

A good market prevailed to-day for Western Australian gold lines, and business of fair extent was transacted. Sales and quotations were:—Menzies Barossa, 3s 11d, buyer 3s 10d, seller 4s; Associated Gold Mines, 73s, 74s 6d, buyer 74s, seller 74s 6d; Hannan's Block 45, 5s 4d, buyer 5s 3d, seller 5s 5d; Boulder Central, 12s, buyer 12s, seller 12s 6d; Boulder Consols No. 1, 3s 1d, buyer 3s 1d, seller 3s 4d; Boulder Half-mile South, 2s, buyer 2s, seller 2s 3d; Brookman's Golden Arrow, 1s 3d, buyer 1s 3d, seller 1s 4d; Brookman's Boulder, 28s, buyer 27s 9d, seller 28s 6d; Boulder North Extended, 3s 10d, 3s 11d, buyer 3s 11d, seller 4s 1d; Brown Hill Junction, 3s 9d, 3s 8d, 3s 10d, buyer 3s 9d, seller 3s 11d; Bonnie Charlie, 1s 3d, 1s 4d; Crœsus Proprietary, 1s 11d, 2s, buyer 2s, seller 2s 3d; Cumberland, contributing, 3s 9d, 4s 1d, 4s, 4s 2d, buyer 4s 1½d, seller 4s 2d; Chaffer's, 4s 9d, 4s 10d, buyer 4s 9d, seller 5s; Boulder Main Reef, 24s, 24s 9d, buyer 24s 6d, seller 25s 6d; Great Boulder No. 1, 15s 9d, 16s, buyer 16s 3d, seller 17s; Boulder Perseverance, 60s, 61s 6d, buyer 61s, seller 62s; Hannan's Central Extended, 1s 10d, 1s 11½d, buyer 1s 11d, seller 2s; Hannan's Crœsus, 5s, buyer 5s, seller 5s 3d; Ivanhoe South Extended, 6s 3d, 6s 2d, 6s 3d, buyer 6s 2d, seller 6s 4d; Kalgoorlie Bank of England, 35s 9d, 40s, buyer 39s 6d, seller 40s 6d; Kalgoorlie Proprietary, 4s 9d, buyer 4s 8d, seller 4s 9d; Kalgoorlie Mint, 14s 3d, 15s 9d, buyer 15s 6d, seller 16s; Lady Mary, 4s 2d, buyer 4s, seller 4s 2d; Lady Mary South, 1s 5d; Lady Sherry, paid, 2s 6½d, buyer 2s 7d, seller 2s 8d; Lake View Consols, £9 6s, buyer £9 6s; Lake View Extended, 15s 3d, buyer 15s, seller 15s 6d; Lake View South, paid, 22s, 21s 9d, 22s 3d, 22s, buyer 22s, seller 22s 3d; North Kalgurli, 33s, 32s 6d, 34s, buyer 34s; North Boulder, buyer 17s, seller 17s 6d; No 1 North Norseman, new, 1s 9d, 1s 10d, buyer 1s 10d, seller 2s; Premier, 10s, 11s 6d, buyer 11s 6d, seller 12s; Premier South, 1s 8d, 1s 9½d, buyer 1s 9½d, seller 1s 10½d; Queen Margaret, 7s 9d, buyer 7s 6d, seller 8s; South Kalgurli, 43s, 44s 6d, buyer 44s 6d, seller 45s; Victory United, 4s 9d, buyer 4s 9d.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

The North Broken mill last week treated 600 tons crudes, yielding 135 tons concentrates of good average value. The despatches were 105 tons concentrates to Illawarra, leaving approximately 565 tons on the local floors. Underground the productive and exploratory workings are unchanged. Near the extremity of the northern drive at the 570ft. level the ground has opened, exposing over 16ft. wide of good milling sulphides, neither wall showing.

The Broken Hill Junction North shipped last week approximately 400 tons first sulphides to Port Pirie, and 135 tons milling ores to Block 14, locally. On the surface good progress is being made with mill construction. Underground the main workings at the 750ft. level are everywhere looking remarkably well and readily maintaining the output. The sinking of the main shaft is steadily progressing.

Block 10 mill last week treated 2381 tons crudes, yielding 561 tons concentrates, assaying 30oz. silver, 63·92 per cent. lead, 8·81 per cent. zinc. The week's despatches totalled 528 tons concentrates, leaving a balance on the ore floors of 1203 tons. Both mill and mine machinery are working very satisfactorily. The production from the former last week was the largest yet made by this mine during any week. Underground the productive workings are looking well, and maintaining a fair average grade ore. Owing to a fault, which is throwing the body out west in Kelly's 715ft. level in the north drive, the men are now busily engaged stripping down the side.

Latest developments in the Australian Broken Hill Consols, excepting the abnormally rich finds made seven years ago, may be described as phenomenal. During the past fortnight the material mined and sent to grass has increased in quantity and value, and there is every prospect of the present bonanza continuing. A parcel comprising several tons of mixed rich ores is now in course of preparation for shipment per India on March 31. Early in the present week an enormous slug of dyscrasite, weighing 172lb., and containing about 80 per cent. of fine silver, was unearthed at the back of No. 1 level. This valuable mass of mineral was found cased in stromeyerite, the whole being surrounded by oxide of iron. It was brought to the surface comparatively intact. Rich argentiferous ores to-day are being won from three separate places overhead—at No. 1 level, underfoot at No. 2½ level, and at the bottom of No. 7 level.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

To-day's Brisbane Exchange sales were:—Wilmot Extended, 11½d; Dunn Kelland, contributing, 8½d.

Queensland Exchange sales:—No. 1 South O'Donohue, 5½d; Jones Caledonia, 4½d.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Wednesday.

An improvement is reported in the Brilliant Central mine in No. 1 west level, which has improved the market. The dividends for March will probably amount to £40,000.

The Queen Central has declared a dividend of 6d per share.

To-day's Stock Exchange sales were:—Bonnie Dundee, 2s 7d, 2s 10d; Brilliant Central, 7s 5d, 7s 6d; Clark's Brilliant, Worcester, and Victory, 7s 10d; Craven's Caledonia, N.L., 2s 10½d; Identity United, contributing, 1s 2½d; Kelly's Queen Block, contributing, 14s 3d; ditto, paid, 16s; Lady Florence, 2s 8d; Milligan's Caledonia, 6d; Moonstone Consols, 3s 9d, 3s 7½d; Moonstone Extended, P.C., contributing, 1s 6d; New Queen, 5s 5d; North Queen, contributing, 1s 2d; No. 2 S.E. Day Dawn, 6d; No. 1 West Victoria, 2s 6d, 2s 5d; Queen Central, contributing, 1s 11d, 1s 10½d; Smith's Extended Block, 1s 1d, 1s 3d; Victoria and Queen, contributing, 8s 11d, 9s; Victoria G. M. Association, 7s 9d.

COBAR, Wednesday.

The Cobar Mining Company to-day applied for three months' partial suspension on the leases at Wrightville. It appears that a new company is taking the property over and has deposited £8900. It will find a working capital of £30,000. The company has only just completed the sale, and the new company requires time to arrange matters and decide on machinery. Warden Gibson gave one month, with the employment of 20 men.

GYMPIE, Wednesday.

Mr. Thomas Smith reports the following sales:—Black's New Zealand, 2s 6d, 2s 8d; Great Eastern No. 1 North, 4s 2d; Great Eastern No. 1 South, 17s 6d; Oriental No. 1 North, 3s 10d; Oriental No. 1 South, 10d; Golden Pile, 14s, 13s 9d; Victory No. 2 North, 6d.

To-night's quotations:—South Glanmire and Monkland, seller 21s, buyer 20s; Phœnix No. 3 North, seller 15s 9d, buyer 14s 6d; Phœnix No. 5 North, seller 11s, buyer 10s 8d; Phœnix No. 6 North, seller 4s, buyer 3s 9d; Columbia No. 1 North, seller 11s, buyer 10s 10d; Oriental and Glanmire, buyer 20s 9d, seller 19s 6d; New Zealand Junction, seller 1s 6d, buyer 1s 3d.

HOBART, Wednesday.

To-day's Stock Exchange quotations were:—Clifton, buyer 3s 6d, seller 4s; Colebrook, buyer 22s 6d, seller 24s; Hercules, buyer 22s 6d, seller 26s; South Hercules, buyer 1s 8d, seller 2s 1d; Mount Black Property, buyer 5s 9d, seller 6s 3d; ditto, paid, buyer 6s 6d, seller 7s; Glen Lyell, buyer 1s 2d, seller 1s 5d; Lyell Tharsis, buyer 30s, seller 32s 6d; Tasman Lyell, buyer 60s; Oonah, seller 8s 3d; Silver Queen, buyer 4s 3d, seller 5s; Mount Lyell, buyer £13 17s, seller £14 2s 6d.

KALGOORLIE, Tuesday.

Mr. Hamilton, manager of the Great Boulder Proprietary, returned to Kalgoorlie to-day, after an extended tour through the Northern fields. Private advices state that the southern block of Hannan's Oroya mine, No. 532, is likely to be sold to a powerful syndicate for a substantial sum and an interest. The details are not yet announced, but it is understood that the mine is to be worked actively, and that a large plant is to be erected. This lease has the Australia lode running through it. The drive in the Australia East, one of the Associated Gold Mines' leases, has proved the lode right to the boundary of the Oroya South Block. On Hannan's Block 45 mine the shaft is down 155ft. It is being sunk with a whip. The appliances and poppet heads are ready, but the plant has been delayed; the manager expects it in some six weeks' time. The Brown Hill Junction mines' main shaft is down 288ft.; the lode is sulphide, showing telluride ore. This development is important, as they are on the same lode as that in the Kalgoorlie Proprietary. The manager of the Brown Hill Junction intends to open out to the east at 300ft. The width of the present development has not yet been ascertained, but it is expected to be a strong body, as the lode at the 200ft. level was 29ft. wide. The South Kalgurli manager is driving west to cut the lode at 300ft., but it is not expected that it will be cut for several weeks. Brookman's Boulder crosscut east at the 300ft. level is in 170ft. There is nothing fresh to report. A winze is being sunk from the 100ft. level south-east of the shaft. The total amount of gold produced by the Kalgoorlie mines to date is 491,456oz., or 15 tons 1cwt. The Great Boulder has produced 5 tons 5cwt.

LAUNCESTON, Wednesday.

To-day's Stock Exchange quotations were:—Tasmania, buyer £3 17s, seller £4 5s; North Tasmania Gold, buyer 1s 6d, seller 6s; Oonah, paid, buyer 6s, seller 8s; Silver Queen, buyer 4s, seller 4s 9d; Sylvester, buyer 7d, seller 8d; Colebrook, buyer 20s, seller 24s; Clifton, buyer 3s 6d, seller 4s; Curtin and Davis, buyer 1s 3d, seller 1s 9d; Cutty Sark, buyer 9s 6d, seller 10s 6d; Hercules, buyer 24s 6d, seller 25s; South Hercules, buyer 1s 9d, seller 2s; Dora, seller 9s; Royal Dora, seller 2s 3d; Mount Lyell, buyer £13 15s, seller £13 19s; Crown Lyell, buyer 12s, seller 13s; Glen Lyell, buyer 1s 1d, seller 1s 8d; Great Southern Lyell, buyer 1s; Great South, seller 9d; Lyell Tharsis, buyer 30s, seller 32s; Western Tharsis, seller 2s 3d; West Extended, paid, seller 1s 6d; Mount Black Proprietary, seller 6s 3d; Primrose, buyer 11s 6d, seller 13s; Red Hills, buyer 4s 6d, seller 5s 6d; Rocky River, paid, buyer 9s, seller 14s; North Tasmanian Copper, buyer 2s 6d.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Business in mining companies was dull to-day, but there were changes in market values within moderate limits. Sales: North Mount Lyell, paid, 60s, 61s 6d; Mount Lyell, £13 17s, £13 18s; South Mount Lyell, 14s 6d; Colebrook, 20s; Crown Lyell, 12s 6d, 13s 1½d, 12s 6d; Dora Reward, 1s 11d; Glen Lyell, 1s 2d, 1s; Great Southern Mount Lyell, 1s 3d, 1s 2½d; Lyell Tharsis, 31s, 30s 3d; North Crown Lyell, 1s 11d, 1s 10d; Prince Lyell, 2s 6d; Queen Lyell, paid, 3s 5d; Red Hills, 4s 6d; Rocky River, paid, 10s 6d, 10s; Royal Dora, 2s, 1s 11d; Royal Tharsis, 3s 9d; Tasman Lyell, 65s, 67s; South Dora, £11; Barien Hercules, 6d; Crown Lyell, paid, 13s 6d, 13s; Glen Lyell, paid, 1s 4d; Great North Colebrook, 13½d; North Comet, 6d; North Crown Lyell, paid, 2s 4d, 2s 3d; North Prince Lyell, 5d; ditto, paid, 9d, 8d; Oceana, 8d; Prince Lyell, paid, 3s 4d, 3s 5d; Australian Tin, 4s; B. H. Block 10, 63s, 64s; British Broken, old, 11s 3d, 11s 4½d; South Broken, 7s 6d; Lake George Mines, 28s; North Lake George Mines, 1s; Associated Gold Mines, 74s, 75s; Queen Margaret, 7s; Chaffer's, 4s 7d, 4s 8d; Maritana, 6d, 10d; Berry Consols, 51s, 53s; Cardigan, 10s 9d, 11s; Central Plateau, 16s, 17s 3d; Glen Fyne Estate, 11s 3d; Berry West, 64s, 64s 6d; Sebastopol Plateau No. 1, 6s 7½d, 7s 11d; South Star, 17s 6d; Star of the East, 21s, 20s 6d; Chalk's No. 3, 14s; Great Northern Consols, 28s; North Prentice, 30s 6d; Southern and Prentice, paid, 10s; New Moon, 35s 6d; Great South Long Tunnel, 1s 9d; Long Tunnel, £75; Long Tunnel Extended, £26; Long Tunnel North, 16s 3d; New Loch Fyne, £7 15s, £7 12s; Beehive and German, 5s; ditto, paid, 11s; South German, £3 7s; Egerton, 2s, 2s 1d; Landy's Dream, 1s 11d; M'Evoy, 3s 5d; New Morning Star, 1s 3d; Shenandoah, 3s; Sir Henry Loch, 1s 6d.

WATTLE FLAT, Wednesday.

At the Great Victoria (Old Solitary), work is being pushed on. The sinking of the old shaft is about finished, and they have started to cut a chamber at 500ft., from which it is intended to drive levels. The vein in the shaft is still over 5ft. wide, and looks well. In the 300ft. level they are still driving on a small cross vein showing gold. M'Cudden cleaned up 40 tons of stone for 50oz. gold at his battery. Sheldon and party, tributers of Williams's claim, Casey's Hill, put through 9 tons at M'Cudden's battery for 2oz. 18dwt. gold. Sommerville and party from their claim on Swede's Hill put through 20 tons at M'Cuddin's battery for 6dwt. 8gr. to the ton. Hutchinson, Gillard, and King put through a parcel of four tons off Hawkins Hill at Benilley's battery for 9dwt. G. Gillard and party are driving on the vein at Hogan's Reef, which returns them a small patch now and then. The vein is small. At the Big Oakey mine things are looking up, some good stone being in sight. Several levels are to be driven in this mine. The Crawfords are still raising some fair-looking stone from the Caledonia. Operations have been suspended at the Surface Hill Company's tunnel for a while. At the Newcastle and Stockton Company there is very little doing. A lot of rubble is being carted off the hill, equal to about 2dwt. per ton. Campell's crushed at Whealan's Hill 8 tons 16cwt. of stone for 26oz. 10dwt. 12gr. gold.

DIVIDENDS.

The following dividends have been declared, and are payable on the dates specified:—

Lake View Consols, Kalgoorlie, 10s.

Occidental G. M. Company, Cobar, 5d.

Ivanhoe Gold Corporation, Kalgoorlie, second liquidation dividend, March 16, 1s.

Victoria Reef Quartz, Bendigo, March 17, 1s.

Long Tunnel Extended, Walhalla, March 17, 10s.

Carlisle North, Garden Gully, and Pasby United, Bendigo, March 17, 6d.

New Moon, Bendigo, March 17, 6d.

Great Boulder Proprietary, Kalgoorlie, March 21, 6d.

Victor's Quartz, Wood's Point, March 22, 6d.

New Normanby, Ballarat, March 22, 1s.

Victory, Charters Towers, March 28, 6d.

Great Southern No. 1, Rutherglen, March 28, 1s.

Mount Lyell, Tasmania, April 1, 4s.

Queen Central, C. T., 6d.

YIELDS.

GOLD.

Campbell's claim, Wattle Flat, 8 tons 16cwt., 26oz. 10dwt. 12gr.

Great Boulder Proprietary, Kalgoorlie, 1485 tons, 3273oz.

M'Cudden's Reef, Wattle Flat, 40 tons, 50oz.

Sommerville and party, Wattle Flat, 20 tons, about 7oz.

MANAGERS' REPORTS.

Australian Tin Mine, Tasmania, March 10.—Finished crushing 200 tons for 48 bags tin. Had little rain. Dams answering well.

Band of Hope and Albion Consols, No Liability, Ballarat, March 12.—Consols line: 1900ft. level north extended 12ft., lode 3ft. wide and very compact, carrying heavy mineral; no gold seen. Winze below this level down 70ft.; footwall well defined, carrying a little laminated stone; giving out a good flow of water. Guiding Star line: Stoping in stone showing gold in breaking.

Burnt Creek Gold-mining Company, No Liability, March 11.—Main reef drive, total 96ft.

Bulong Gold-mining Company, W.A., March 8.—Bengiehole's shaft, 165ft. level: East crosscut 151ft. from shaft; ground slightly improving.

Cobar Great Western Gold-mining Company, No Liability, month ended March 12.—Raised and crushed 400 tons of ore, principally from underhand stopes. Yield, 231oz. 17dwt. Shall not be running mill for a week or so.

Star of the East, Ballarat, March 14.—No. 1 shaft, 2000ft. level: North drive, total from crosscut 89ft.; lode formation 4ft. wide, intermixed with quartz and slate. No. 2 shaft, 1800ft. level: Extension of west crosscut resumed. 1800ft. level: North drive now distant 448ft.; track of lode continues disturbed. South drive, same level: Full distance, 487ft.; stone is slightly contracted. Main rise is up 200ft., lode 2ft., and presents a good appearance. Intermediate drive is in 60ft., width of lode 4ft., containing galena and a large amount of mineral. Stopes in all parts of mine producing very fair supply of medium quality stone. 1100ft. level: West crosscut total 170ft. 1000ft. level, south end: Intermediate drive north from rise is distant 83ft.; rise is up 33ft.; both rise and drive carrying strong bodies of stone showing gold. (By telegraph)—"Little gold visible, south drive, 1500ft. level; lode 15in. in width."

Eureka North Gold-mining Company, No Liability, W.A., fortnight ended February 26.—Shaft has reached 113ft. A slight change is showing in bottom of shaft, irregular veins and patches of iron oxide being met with.

Golconda Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Parkes, week ended March 12.—Shaft has reached 50ft. from 110ft. level. Breaking down of quartz last Friday showed reef to be rather wider than before, and dollyings appear a little better. Also, the copper stains which we had in rich stone are making their appearance in the shaft.

Last Chance United, Ballarat, March 14.—No. 6 stopes carrying plenty of stone showing little gold. Intermediate level: Lode 15ft. thick, carrying fair gold. Yield, 140oz. 14dwt. gold.

Mount David Gold-mining Company, No Liability, March 14.—Mine looking well; mill running constantly, and plates looking well. Excavation for engine foundation will be finished about Wednesday night.

North Central Broken Hill Silver-mining Company, No Liability, week ended March 12.—South drive at 700ft. level, total 199ft. from crosscut. During the week met with very hard bar of diorite, but hope to be through it in a day or two. North drive at 550ft. level, total 115ft. from shaft. This drive at present is a little harder, whole face being composed of quartz, carrying large quantities of mica in lode formation.

North Tasmania Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Beaconsfield, March 10.—For week main drive at 700ft. level, total 31ft.; lode 4ft. wide and very solid. At times can see good coarse gold in the solid; stone carrying good quantity iron copper pyrites and galena. Intermediate level, total 3oft.; lode 16in. wide, consisting of quartz carrying iron copper pyrites; can see gold in stone occasionally. No. 1 stope, lode 2½ft. No. 2 stope driven 10ft.; lode 2ft. No. 3 stope driven 4ft.; lode small. All stone highly charged with minerals.

New Normanby, Ballarat, March 14.—Crushed 838 tons for 375oz. 4dwt. gold. Stopes in lower levels payable, with plenty of stone in sight. Rise above 1000ft. level opening up large body of stone showing fair gold. East crosscut at 1100ft. level in 108ft.; two promising veins in face.

Princess Margaret Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Bulong (by telegraph), March 14.—200ft. level: South drive in 220ft.; north rise connected with 200ft. level; drive south extended to 240ft.; no change to report.

Queen Margaret No. 1 South Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Bulong, fortnight ended February 25.—No. 1 or north shaft: Winze from 100ft. level is a continuation of winze sunk from 100ft. level in the south shaft; it has been sunk 17ft., with fair prospects very close to the hanging wall. No. 2, or south shaft: 100ft. level—South drive, total from crosscut 48ft.; close to hanging wall the ore still remains good. North drive: Total distance from crosscut, 86ft.; no change.

Queen Margaret Central Gold Mine, Bulong, fortnight ended February 28.—No. 1 level: South drive, total distance from crosscut 94ft.; 10ft. from crosscut we met with another wall, now driving back north on its course; prospects show a little gold. No. 3 north drive: Drive 2ft. towards the boundary. No. 1 winze: Have holed through to No. 2 level. No. 2 level: Winze making 200 gallons a day; started to drive north from the bottom on course of lode: country very hard.

United Brothers Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Sunnyside, March 7.—No. 3 level: South drive, total 276ft.; lode 2in., good gold. North drive, total 314ft.; ground broken. Main shaft extended, total 127ft. North stopes 4, 5, 6, 7 extended 40ft.; lode averages 12in. South stopes, Nos. 4, 8, 9, extended 39ft.; lode averages 15in. No. 2 level: Underhand stope extended 16ft.; lode 18in. Surface shaft extended, total 15ft.; lode mullocky. Sent to mill for week 155 tons.

Victoria Gold-mining Association (Charters Towers), No Liability, fortnight ended February 25.—At No. 12 level usual work carried on on various veins of quartz with fair results. No. 11 south-east level: Total distance from shaft 147ft. Reef will average about a foot thick of fair quality. Stopes over this level carry stone about same size and quality. Over No. 8 south-east level the reef is 10in. thick, poor quality. Over No. 7 south-east level the stone is poor, being 12in. thick. Over No. 4 south-east level the reef varies from 6in. to 15in. thick of medium quality. To the north-west of shaft at same level the reef is a foot thick, of good quality. No. 8 north-west level: Total from shaft 227ft., the reef being 10in. thick, good quality. Stopes over this level carry from 6in. to 15in. fairly good quality stone. Over No. 3 south-east level the reef is from 10in. to 18in. thick, fair quality. Over No. 1B level the reef is from 6in. to a foot in thickness, fairly good quality. Stope has connected with winze sunk from No. 1A level, at which point the reef is 16in. thick, good quality stone.

Welshman's Reef Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Sandy Creek, March 11.—Machinery working well. Making good progress with air drive. Also making foundation for new tables for crushing battery.

THE KIANDRA GOLDFIELD.

REPORT BY MR. SLEE.

The Chief Inspector of Mines (Mr. W. H. J. Slee) has forwarded to the Minister for Mines a report on mining operations in the Kiandra district. The report says that owing to the very dry seasons sluicing operations have been greatly retarded on the Kiandra goldfield during the last two years, but in view of the hopes of a wet season extensive preparations and improvements in the mode of working have been made by claimholders, and should these hopes be realised a considerable increase in the production of gold throughout this district may be looked forward to. So far the hills covered by basalt have not yielded the return of gold which was anticipated, nor have they so far even paid the cost of tunnelling. But this is principally because nearly all the tunnels have been started too high to drain and systematically work the deepest ground. This can now only be remedied by extra labour and expense, either by cutting down the bedrock in the bottom of the tunnels or by driving fresh ones. Mr. Slee's present visit of inspection has not in the least altered the opinion expressed by him some years ago that the Kiandra goldfield will again become an extensive gold-producing district, not only in alluvial, but also in quartz, notwithstanding that powerful pumping machinery will be required to cope with the heavy flow of underground water which is met with in the working of quartz veins throughout this district at a comparatively shallow depth. "At Yoolong, about 30 miles southerly from Kiandra, there are about a dozen men working in the alluvial, and at Grey Mares, Boogoug, 30 miles south of Kiandra, some 25 men are at work. About 20 men are working in the alluvial at the Fifteen-mile south of Kiandra, and at the Nine-mile south of Kiandra there are about 12 men working in the alluvial. At the Eight-mile Sheafer and party are working on a quartz reef, but are troubled with an influx of water at their lower level. The old Three-mile reefs have been taken up by Dunn and party, and they are now erecting a five-stamp crushing battery. Tunnelling is still carried on under the basalt at the Township Hill, and payable results would have been the consequence long ere this had the parties carried on their tunnels in such a manner as to reach the lower parts of the alluvial deposits, for which they had ample opportunities. On the Grambra mine, of which Mr. John Robyns is manager, a great deal of prospecting and opening up the mine for future development has been accomplished. This mine is owned by a Sydney company, who have already spent some considerable capital, so far without any payable returns. Nevertheless, the prospects of the mine as far as can be seen are such that with economical and systematic working and a good water supply the mine ought to be turned from a purely developing into a dividend-paying one. The length of the main tunnel is 787ft. Mr. Robyns informed me that payable gold was obtained at 747ft., that the width of the gold deposit was very considerable, and that prospects had been obtained on the deepest levels as high as 3dwt. per dish, that 290 superficial yards blocked out had yielded a little over 40oz. of gold, and that 3dwt. of gold per superficial yard could be made to yield payable returns. In time to come it may be advisable to drive another tunnel at a lower level to reach and drain the deepest alluvial deposits. Should it become a dividend-paying mine—of which there is a great probability—then a new era in the gold-mining industry of the Kiandra goldfield will commence. Rickmann and party are sinking on the Old Charcoal reef, which has been abandoned for about 26 years. At the Twelve-mile, situated 12 miles north of Kiandra, Cahill and party are sinking on a large reef. Some 30 miners are working in the Murrumbidgee River within 14 miles of Kiandra. On the Tumut River, within 15 miles of Kiandra, there are about 40 miners at work, and fossickers can be seen all over the district. I would draw especial attention to the Providence Valley, part of which was rushed and worked before Kiandra was opened in 1858. The valley is very extensive. It is drained by the Eucumbene River, which river rises about six miles from Kiandra, flows through the latter goldfield, also through Providence Valley, about 11 miles from Kiandra, and the same distance from Adaminaby. There are also numerous tributaries. Few, if any, have been prospected, although the whole district has a decidedly auriferous appearance."

WATER AND SEWERAGE BOARD.

RAISING THE MINIMUM RATES.

A meeting of the Water and Sewerage Board was held yesterday. Colonel Rowe presided, there being a full attendance. The revenue from July 1, 1897, to March 12, 1898, was shown to amount to £173,275, against £163,545 during the same period of the previous year, being an increase of £9730. Accounts amounting to £5950 were passed.

Alderman Davis moved,—"That the question of raising the minimum charge on small properties approved of by the board be and is hereby rescinded." It was pointed out by the mover that the matter had received very little consideration when it was before the board some time previously in connection with the Amending Bill. A number of taxpayers had approached him and raised serious objections to the innovation. While the minimum charge was raised from 10s to 15s in small properties they were still allowing a very large concession to the larger consumers.

The Chairman: You are opening up a very large question.

Alderman Davis: And I intend to pin you to it. I have been threatened by members of the board, and I will see the matter through. I am on the warpath to-day.

The Chairman: Mr. Davis ——

Alderman Davis: I know it is very distasteful.

The Chairman: Distasteful to whom?

Alderman Davis: To some of the members of this board.

The Chairman: You can only give notice of the resolution. You cannot debate it now. If due notice is given it will be discussed at another meeting. It is not too late to undo the wrong that has been done.

Notice of motion was then given and the matter dropped.

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POLICE COURTS.

Committed for Trial.—At the Central Police Court yesterday Mr. Addison, S.M., committed John Coleman, 40, for trial on a charge of uttering to Florrie Bennett a counterfeit coin resembling a half-crown. It was deposed that on the 11th instant accused went to the Metropolitan Hotel, King-street, and had a drink, and tendered the counterfeit coin. He was told it was no good. Coleman said he would see the landlord, but did not return.

A Wine Shopkeeper Fined.—At the Water Summons Court yesterday Mr. Smithers, S.M., fined Morris Duschnitz £2 and 5s 6d costs for keeping his wineshop open at unlawful hours.

Bad Meat.—At the Water Summons Court yesterday G. R. Hume for being in the possession of bad meat was fined £5 and 5s 6d costs.

Attempted Suicide.—Florence Tah Hum, 24, for attempting to commit suicide by jumping into the harbour on Tuesday, was at the Water Police Court yesterday sentenced to seven days' imprisonment.

Theft.—Andrew Wilson, 26, and George Sawers, 27, were sentenced respectively to one month's and two months' imprisonment at the Water Police Court yesterday for stealing an overcoat, worth 25s, belonging to E. Hanson.

Assaults, &c.—At the Water Police Court yesterday John Ryan, 26, John Collins, 25, and Richard Searle, 20, for assaulting John Sheehy, a passenger on the steamer Namoi, were sentenced to six months' gaol. At the Central Police Court yesterday William Murray, 36, for assaulting Caroline Hardy, was sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment. William Kenny, 28, for assaulting Senior-constable Nutley, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment; for assaulting Constable Davies, three months, cumulative; and for using indecent language he was fined £1, and costs 5s, in default one month's imprisonment. It was deposed that about 5.30 p.m. on Saturday Nutley when accompanied by Davies spoke to accused in Erskine-street about a warrant. The three were walking quietly to a police station, when Kenny rushed at Nutley, threw him down twice, and tried to bite his hand. Nutley was attended to at the Sydney Hospital and since had been under Dr. Hall. Accused tried to bite Davies by the throat, bent one of his fingers back, and hurt his arm. It took the two constables a quarter of an hour to handcuff Kenny, who is a seaman.

Theft of Clothing.—At the Newtown Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Edwards, S.M., William Robert Sherwood, aged 18, and Lewis Whitley, aged 17, were charged with having, in company, stolen two pairs of trousers, a vest, and a belt, of the total value of 5s, the property of James Wilson, at Marrickville, on the 10th instant. The accused pleaded guilty, and were each ordered to be imprisoned, with hard labour, for one month.

The Petersham Boot Robbery.—At the Newtown Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Edwards, S.M., James Kennedy, aged 29, was charged with having broken into the shop of John Henry Joede, Palace-street, Petersham, and stolen boots and shoes and uppers to the value of £17. Senior-constable M'Lean, of Sydney, gave evidence that last Saturday afternoon he followed a boy along Castlereagh-street, Sydney, as far as the Haymarket. There the boy was joined by the accused. The boy handed witness a jemmy, and stated that the accused gave it to him to mind. The accused admitted this, and asked that the boy should not be locked up. A man named Wrigley identified the accused at the police station from among six other men as the person who sold him a large quantity of boots that day. Evidence was given that the boots were stolen from the workshop of Joede during the night of the 7th instant, and next day were sold by the accused to Wrigley, a second-hand dealer, at 5s per pair. The accused said he was not alone in this matter, and he did not see why he should suffer all the punishment. He was committed to take his trial at the next Court of Quarter Sessions at Darlinghurst.

Cruelty to a Horse.—At the Newtown Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Edwards, S.M., Sydney Gore was charged with having, on the Stanmore-road, Stanmore, on the 12th instant, ill-treated a horse. Defendant was fined £2, in default imprisonment for one month.

WATER LICENSING COURT.

At the weekly meeting of the Water Licensing Court yesterday the following publicans' licenses were transferred:—Glasgow Arms Hotel, George-street, Georgina Hall to Mary M'Grath; Captain Cook, Kent-street, Christopher Cullen to Alfred Bird.

THE BRITISH NAVY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In your yesterday's issue I saw under the above heading that Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., said at a banquet held in London that the British Government ought to accept the colonists' patriotic offer to establish a magnificent naval reserve of seamen.

I should like to know who these colonists are that have made this offer. Surely not Australians—for I am sorry to say that our naval reserves in Australia are few in number, and seamen hard to find in our ports.

I am, &c.,

March 16. T.

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MARSHALL.—The Friends of Mr. LOUIE MARSHALL are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE, Jane ; to move from his residence, 97 Albion-street, Surry Hills, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 1 o'clock, to Necropolis.
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